

# An illustrated key to the genera and subgenera of the Recent azooxanthellate Scleractinia (Cnidaria, Anthozoa), with an attached glossary

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## Abstract

The 120 presently recognized genera and seven subgenera of the azooxanthellate Scleractinia are keyed using gross morphological characters of the corallum. All genera are illustrated with calicular and side views of coralla. All terms used in the key are defined in an illustrated glossary. A table of all species-level keys, both comprehensive and faunistic, is provided covering the last 40 years.

## Keywords

Azooxanthellate, Illustrated Key, Genera, Glossary, Scleractinia

## Introduction

The ready identification of azooxanthellate Scleractinia (determined herein by depth of occurrence and previously published observations) to the genus and species levels has been hampered by a lack of a comprehensive key to the genera as well as a lack of species level keys. For instance, the last comprehensive set of keys to the genera was published by Vaughan and Wells (1943) almost 70 years ago, and relied in part on microstructural characters that were both hard to observe (requiring thin sectioning) and interpret.



Since then the number of Recent azooxanthellate genera and species has almost doubled, and new observations on apozooxanthellate species (species that have facultative symbiosis with zooxanthellae) are also available. Furthermore, what keys exist to the species level of various taxa or geographic regions are scattered throughout the literature and of variable quality (Table 1). In this Table, tabular keys are included, as they provide as much if not more information than a conventional dichotomous key. As result of the application of molecular data (e.g. Fukami et al. 2008, Kitahara et al. 2010a, Huang et al. 2011, Stolarski et al. 2011, Arrigoni et al. 2012), the higher taxonomic ranks of the order Scleractinia were shown to be polyphyletic. As such, a key to this taxonomic rank seems premature. Thus, it is the purpose of this paper to provide a single, comprehensive, illustrated key to the presently recognized 120 azooxanthellate scleractinian genera and 7 additional subgenera. We constructed the key using gross morphological characteristics of the corallum, which, when used in conjunction with the glossary and illustrations, we hope will provide a guide to the proper genus identification. But one must keep in mind that this key, as most, will not necessarily supply a definitive identification of the genus, as its use depends on the interpretation of the characters as well as the variation of that character state. We have used many of the dichotomies published by Vaughan and Wells (1943), but avoided the microstructural characters, and updated the taxa. Whereas microstructure is undoubtedly a valuable set of characters to define genera, in most cases it is not necessary to identify the genera. Among the 120 extant azooxanthellate scleractinian genera, 74 are illustrated with its type species (~61%). Within the remaining 46 genera, 20 (~43.5%) have an extinct species as type, represented by a fossil coral. For them and the remaining 26 genera, the illustrated species present very well the most important morphological characters of their respective genus.

**Table 1.** Previously published keys to azooxanthellate taxa, divided as comprehensive keys to all taxa with in a monophyletic taxon, and partial (faunistic) keys of species. Taxa listed alphabetically by taxon name. Tabular keys (T) are included.

Comprehensive keys	
<i>Anthemiphyllia</i> , species (T)	Cairns (1999: 290)
<i>Asterosmilia</i> , species (T)	Cairns and Wells (1987: 38)
<i>Aulocyathus</i> , species	Cairns (1999: 104)
<i>Caryophyllia</i> , species (T)	Cairns (1991: 12)
<i>Caryophyllia</i> , species	Kitahara et al. (2010b: 112)
<i>Conocyathus</i> , species	Cairns (2004a: 290)
<i>Crispatotrochus</i> , species	Kitahara and Cairns (2008: 62)
<i>Deltocyathus</i> , species	Kitahara and Cairns (2009: 236)
Dendrophylliidae, genera (T)	Cairns (2001: 5)
Flabellidae, genera (T)	Zibrowius (1974: 26); Cairns (1989: 45)
Guyniidae, genera (T)	Cairns (1989: 41); Stolarski (2000: 23)
<i>Javania</i> , species	Cairns (2004b: 10)
Micrabaciidae, genera	Cairns (1989: 13)
<i>Placotrochides</i> , species	Cairns (2004a: 307)
Scleractinia, families and genera	Vaughan and Wells (1943)



Comprehensive keys	
<i>Stephanophyllia</i> , species	Cairns (1989: 21)
<i>Trochocyathus</i> ( <i>Aplocyathus</i> ), species (T)	Cairns (1999: 85)
Turbinoliidae, genera	Cairns (1988a: 711; 1989: 25; 1997: 5 [T]); Filkorn (1994: 44)
Faunistic keys	
<i>Astrangia</i> , E. Pacific	Durham and Barnard (1952: 60)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, Antarctica	Cairns (1990: 18 [book])
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, E. Gulf of Mexico	Cairns (1977a: 5)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, New Zealand	Squires and Keyes (1967: 13); Tracey et al. (2012)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, NE Pacific	Cairns (1994: 13)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, NW Pacific	Cairns (1994: 75)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, S. Australia	Cairns and Parker (1992: 4)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, Cold Temp. NE Atl.	Cairns (1981:3)
Azooxanthellate Scleractinia, Brazil	Kitahara (2007: 510)
<i>Balanophyllia</i> , W. Atlantic	Cairns (1977b: 133)
<i>Balanophyllia</i> , Japan	Ogawa et al. (1998: 145 [in Japanese])
<i>Balanophyllia</i> , W. Atlantic (T)	Cairns (2000: 163)
<i>Caryophyllia</i> , New Zealand	Cairns (1995: 43)
<i>Caryophyllia</i> , W. Atlantic	Cairns (1979: 46)
<i>Caryophyllia</i> , W. Pacific	Cairns and Zibrowius (1997: 87, 96)
<i>Caryophyllia</i> and <i>Premocyathus</i> , Japan	Ogawa et al. (1999: 115 [in Japanese])
<i>Conotrochus</i> and <i>Trochocyathus</i> , Japan	Ogawa et al. (2003: 57 [in Japanese])
<i>Culicia</i> , Australia	Cairns (2004a: 274)
<i>Deltocyathus</i> , W. Atlantic	Cairns (1979: 91)
<i>Deltocyathus</i> , W. Pacific	Cairns and Zibrowius (1997: 121)
<i>Dendrophyllia</i> , Japan	Ogawa and Takahashi (1995: 25 [in Japanese])
<i>Flabellum</i> , New Zealand	Cairns (1995: 96)
<i>Flabellum</i> , Japan	Ogawa and Takahashi (2005: 56 [in Japanese])
<i>Fungiacyathus</i> , W. Pacific (T)	Cairns (1989: 6, 7; 1999: 55)
<i>Fungiacyathus</i> , Japan	Ogawa and Takahashi (2004: 11 [in Japanese])
<i>Heterocyathus</i> , W. Pacific	Hoeksema and Best (1991: 222)
<i>Heterocyathus</i> , Japan	Ogawa and Takahashi (2008: 248 [in Japanese])
<i>Heteropsammia</i> , W. Pacific	Hoeksema and Best (1991: 222)
<i>Heteropsammia</i> , Japan	Ogawa and Takahashi (2008: 248 [in Japanese])
<i>Madracis</i> , W. Atlantic	Wells (1973: 19)
<i>Paracyathus</i> and <i>Polycyathus</i> , Japan	Ogawa et al. (2000: 55 [in Japanese])
<i>Trochocyathus</i> , W. Pacific	Cairns and Zibrowius (1997: 105)
<i>Truncatoflabellum</i> , W, Pacific	Cairns (1989a: 62)
<i>Truncatoflabellum</i> , SW Indian Ocean	Cairns and Keller (1993: 264)
<i>Truncatoflabellum</i> , Australia (T)	Cairns (1998: 397)
<i>Truncatoflabellum</i> , Japan	Ogawa (2006: 13 [in Japanese])
<i>Tubastraea</i> , Red Sea	Scheer and Pillai (1983: 173)
<i>Tubastraea</i> , Galapagos	Cairns (1991: 27)
<i>Tubastraea</i> , Japan	Ogawa and Takahashi (1993: 97 [in Japanese])
Turbinoliidae, Japan	Ogawa et al. (2002: 27 [in Japanese])



## Methods

Some genera are keyed two or even three times because of the variation within those genera regarding the characters used in the key. In theory, all variations of that genus will be correctly keyed. Although most couplets are dichotomous, some are polychotomous, such as the columella or colony shape, which allows the reader to clearly see the multiple states of a particular character.

Although it would be desirable to follow the generic key with keys to all of the approximately 720 azooxanthellate species, it is a simple fact that not many species level keys have been published. Those that have been published in the last 35 years are listed in Table 1, separated as to whether they are keys to all of the taxa within a monophyletic taxon (comprehensive) or to a more limited fauna of a region (faunistic). Keys made before 1970 were found to be, in general, not up to date and are thus not included. It should be noted that fully one-third of the genera (40) are monotypic, and thus do not require a key following a correct genus identification, and another 22 genera have but two species. Finally, although they do not include keys, the treatises of Wells (1956) and Chevalier and Beauvais (1987) include diagnoses of all genera, including those represented only by extinct species, and thus provide a rich source of taxonomic information.

Other sources of useful taxonomic information include a list of all extant Recent scleractinian species as of 1999 (Cairns et al. 1999), which also includes a rough indication of their geographic range. The azooxanthellate component of this list is kept up to date as an on-line resource ([www.lophelia.org/online-appendices](http://www.lophelia.org/online-appendices)), which now includes junior synonyms and depth ranges of the species, and authors of the genera. A list of the 120 azooxanthellate genera, their authorship, and bathymetric ranges was also published in Roberts et al. (2009: Table 2.7)

Geographic ranges within brackets in the key are not meant to be considered as distinguishing characters, but simply informational, which may nonetheless hint at an incorrect identification. Abbreviations: Ant. = Antarctic or Subantarctic, Atl. = Atlantic, IP = Indo Pacific, IWP = Indo-West Pacific, Pac. = Pacific, SubAnt = Subantarctic; Cosmopolitan implies occurrence in all three oceans as well as Subantarctic and/or Antarctic. Museums and Institutions acronyms: AM = Australian Museum (Sydney); AU = Auckland University Museum (Auckland); CSIRO = Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Hobart); JCU = James Cook University (Townsville); MNHN = Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (Paris); SBMNH = Santa Barbara Natural History Museum (Santa Barbara); SIO = Scripps Institute of Oceanography (San Diego); NZOI = New Zealand Oceanographic Institution (now the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research) (Wellington); USNM = United States National Museum (now the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian) (Washington, D.C.); YPM = Yale Peabody Museum (New Heaven).

Useful sources for more information about definitions of terms used in the glossary include: Wells (1956), and Cairns (1981, 1989, 1994).



## Key to the Genera and Subgenera of the Recent Azooxanthellate Scleractinia

(An asterisk indicates genera that have azooxanthellate and zooxanthellate representatives)

1a	Corallum colonial.....	2
1b	Corallum solitary.....	43
2a	Corallum free of attachment (recumbent, usually curved with a broken or open base, or globular).....	3
2b	Corallum firmly attached (arborescent, bushy, encrusting, or reptoid).....	5
3a	Corallum recumbent (composed of a large primary corallite from which smaller buds originate); no sipunculid commensalism.....	4
3b	Corallum globular; pores in lateral base of colony associated with commensal sipunculid..... [IWP] <i>Heteropsammia</i> * (in part) Plate 1, Figures A–B	
4a	Corallum not porous (solid); septa arranged normally ..... [Atl. + IP] <i>Anomocora</i> Plate 1, Figures C–D	
4b	Corallum, especially septa porous; septa arranged in a Pourtalès Plan ..... [Atl. + IWP] <i>Eguchipsammia</i> Plate 1, Figures E–F	
5a	Corallum arborescent or bushy.....	6
5b	Corallum encrusting or reptoid.....	27
6a	Branching intratentacular.....	7
6b	Branching extratentacular.....	9
7a	Equal distomadeal budding.....	8
7b	Unequal monostomaeous budding ..... [Cosmopolitan] <i>Lophelia</i> Plate 1, Figures G–H	
8a	Texture of corallum rough (like sandpaper), resulting from a porous theca; septa arranged in a weak Pourtalès Plan ..... [W. Pac.] <i>Dichopsammia</i> Plate 1, Figures I–J	
8b	Texture of corallum smooth or costate, solid; septa arranged normally ..... [Cosmopolitan] <i>Solenosmilia</i> Plate 1, Figures K–L	
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9b	Septal symmetry hexameral, septa arranged in multiple cycles; columella papillose, fascicular or absent.....	10
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10b	Texture of theca smooth, granular, or ridged (solid).....	14
11a	Septa arranged in a Pourtalès plan.....	12
11b	Septa arranged normally.....	13
12a	Corallum small (bushy), most corallites budding from a common basal coenosteum or from the edge zone of corallites that originate from the basal coenosteum..... [Atl. + Pac.] <i>Cladopsammia</i> Plate 2, Figures C–D	



- 12b Corallum large (bushy to arborescent), with multiple successive generations of budding forming an erect colony ..... [Atl. + IP] ***Dendrophyllia*** Plate 2, Figures E–F
- 13a Corallum porosity only apparent near calicular edge; found in deep-water: 110–2165 m ..... [Atl. + IWP] ***Enallopsammia*** Plate 2, Figures G–H
- 13b Corallum porosity uniform: shallow-water: 0–110 m ..... [Atl. + IP] ***Tubastraea*** (in part) Plate 2, Figures I–J
- 14a Columella absent ..... **15**
- 14b Columella present (papillose, trabecular or fascicular) ..... **16**
- 15a Corallum large (arborescent), with numerous budding cycles, adjacent corallites often linked with hollow, tubular coenosteal bridges; tabular endothecal dissepiments common ... [I–P + Subant.] ***Goniocorella*** Plate 2, Figures K–L
- 15b Corallum a small bush, corallites originating from a common basal coenosteum or from the sides of other corallites and from relatively few budding cycles; endothecal dissepiments not prominent ..... [E. Atl. + New Zealand] ***Hoplania*** (in part) Plate 5, Figures L–M
- 16a Columella fascicular ..... **17**
- 16b Columella papillose or trabecular ..... **18**
- 17a Pali before septa of third cycle (P3) ..... [N. Atl.] ***Pourtalosmia*** Plate 3, Figures A–B
- 17b Pali absent ..... [W. Pac.] ***Confluphyllia*** Plate 3, Figures C–D
- 18a Columella trabecular, composed of slender ( flattened laths); corallum never with more than 4 generations of budding ..... [Atl. + W. Pac.] ***Coenosmia*** Plate 3, Figures E–F
- 18b Columella papillose (composed of rods); corallum composed of many generations of budding ..... **19**
- 19a Axial septal edges dentate ..... [W. Pac.] ***Sympodangia*** Plate 3, Figures G–H
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- 20a Pali absent ..... [Cosmopolitan] ***Madrepora*** (in part) Plate 3, Figures I–J
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- 21a Pali arranged in multiple crowns before septa of all but last cycle; axial edge of septa minutely dentate ..... **22**
- 21b Pali arranged in two crowns before S2 and S3 or S1–3; axial edges of septa smooth ..... **24**
- 22a Coenosteum costate ..... [Atl. + Pac.] ***Cladocora*** Plate 3, Figures K–L
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- 23a Axial corallite associated with each branch ..... [SW Pac.] ***Petrophyllia*** Plate 4, Figures A–B
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- 25a Only P2 present ..... **26**
- 25b Only P3 present ..... [SW Atl. + E. Pac.] ***Bathelia*** Plate 4, Figures G–H



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- 26b Columella rudimentary.....  
..... [Cosmopolitan] **Madrepora** (in part) Plate 4, Figures K–L
- 27a Septal symmetry decameral or octameral, septa in only one cycle; columella styliform ..... [Atl. + IP] **Madracis**\* (in part) Plate 5, Figures A–B
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- 28a Texture of corallum rough (like sandpaper), resulting from a porous theca... **29**
- 28b Texture of corallum smooth or costate, solid ..... **31**
- 29a Corallum increases by stoloniferous budding (reptoid), the connection among corallites often obscured, thus sometimes appearing to be solitary; Pourtalès Plan present.. [W. Atl. + IP] **Rhizopsammia** Plate 5, Figures C–D
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- 30a Columella massive; epitheca surrounds each corallite.....  
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- 30b Columella of moderate to small size; epitheca lacking.....  
..... [Atl. + IP] **Tubastraea** (in part) Plate 5, Figures G–H
- 31a Columella absent ..... **32**
- 31b Columella present..... **33**
- 32a Corallites united by thin basal stolons (reptoid) .....  
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- 33a Axial edges of some or all cycles of septa finely dentate or beaded .....  
..... (Rhizangiidae) **34**
- 33b Axial edges of all septa smooth..... **38**
- 34a Thin epitheca encircles corallites; axial edges of S1-2 smooth, sometimes lobate (but inner edges of S3-4 dentate)..... **35**
- 34b Epitheca absent; axial edges of all septa dentate..... **36**
- 35a Corallite base polycyclic; one crown of large P3 .....  
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- 35b Corallite base monocyclic; pali, if present, of uniform size .....  
..... [IP] **Culicia** Plate 6, Figures C–D
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- 36b Corallite base monocyclic; pali before septa of all but last cycle..... **37**
- 37a Corallum stoloniferous (reptoid) or cerioid; peritheca absent.....  
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- 37b Corallum massive (subramose); peritheca unite corallites .....  
..... [Indian] **Cladangia** Plate 6, Figures I–J
- 38a Pali or paliform lobes on axial edges of septal of all but last cycle..... **39**
- 38b Pali or paliform lobes present only on septa of penultimate cycle (usually P3)..... **41**



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40b	Corallites polycyclic; pali before septa of all but last cycle, those of P3 crown much larger than others..... [W. Atl.] <b><i>Phacelocyathus</i></b> Plate 7, Figures C–D	
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- 51a Pali before septa of penultimate cycle.....  
[Cosmopolitan] ***Caryophyllia*** (***Caryophyllia***) (in part) Plate 9, Figures C–D
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- 52b Corallum polycentric; transverse epithecal bands near corallum base; calicular outline modified by calicular extensions; menianes on septal faces .....  
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- 53b Columella present (papillose, fascicular or labyrinthiform) .....57
- 54a Pedicel reinforced (thickened) with stereome deposits .....  
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- 54b Pedicel reinforced with hollow rootlets, most easily seen in cross section of base or pedicel, or in a damaged corallum.....55
- 55a Rootlets non-contiguous with pedicel, 2-20 adventitious rootlets anchoring the corallum ..... [IWP] ***Rhizotrochus*** Plate 10, Figures A–B
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- 59a Pali before septa of penultimate cycle.....  
..... [Atl. + E. Pac.] ***Concentrotheca*** Plate 10, Figures L–M
- 59b Paliform lobes present before septa of S1-2 (P1-2).....  
..... [E. Atl. + E. Pac.] ***Ceratotrochus*** Plate 11, Figures A–B
- 59c Pali before septa of all but last cycle in two crowns .....  
..... [Atl. + Pac.] ***Tethocyathus*** Plate 11, Figures C–D
- 60a Corallum cylindrical and very small (calicular diameter less than 2 mm); a row of thecal spots or pores present in every interseptal region; octameral septal symmetry; only 1 columellar element.....  
..... [Atl. + IWP] ***Guynia*** Plate 11, Figures E–G
- 60b Corallum trochoid and larger (adult calicular diameter over 10 mm); thecal spots and pores lacking; hexameral symmetry; numerous columellar elements..... [IWP] ***Conotrochus*** (in part) Plate 11, Figures H–I
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## Glossary

**Anthocaulus:** See Transverse Division.

**Anthocyathus:** See Transverse Division.

**Apozooxanthellate:** Species that have facultative symbiotic relationships with unicellular photosynthetic dinoflagellates (*Symbiodinium* spp.).

**Axial Corallite:** See Corallite.

**Axial Septal Margin:** See Septum.

**Azooxanthellate:** Species that do not have symbiotic relationships with unicellular photosynthetic dinoflagellates (*Symbiodinium* spp.).

**Base (Figure 1):** The lower several millimeters of a solitary corallum, usually solid and composed of an accretion of thecal layers (a **monocyclic base**) (e.g. Plate 24, Fig. B), but in some genera composed of concentric rings of partitioned chambers, called a **polycyclic base** (e.g. Plate 24, Fig. C) (Cairns 1978). The base usually expands basally as a thin layer facilitating adhesion to the substrate.

**Budding:** The process of asexual reproduction that adds new mouths (or polyps) to a corallum, often resulting in a colony. **Intratentacular budding** adds new polyps to the oral disc inside the ring of tentacles surrounds its mouth (e.g. Plate 1, Fig. K–L). **Extratentacular budding** adds new polyps outside the ring of tentacles (e.g. Plate 2, Fig. H). (The third form of asexual reproduction is **transverse division** - Cairns 1988b).

**Calice (Figure 1) (pl. Calices):** The skeletal analog of the polyp, cupping the polyp from below, and consisting of the septa, and, if present, the columella and pali (e.g. Plate 1, Figs C, E, G; Plate 9, Figs A, C, E, G, I, K).

**Ceratoid Corallum:** See Solitary Corallum.

**Coenosteum:** The skeletal structure found between the individual corallites of a colonial corallum, including the costae, and various kinds of dissepiments; sometimes called **peritheca** (e.g. Plate 24, Fig. E).

**Colonial Corallum:** See Corallum.

**Columella (Figure 1):** An axial structure of diverse shape and composition that projects from the center of a calice. If in the shape of a single lamella (called **lamellar**) (e.g. Plate 20, Fig. I), if a maze of interconnected lamellae (**labyrinthiform**) (e.g. Plate 8, Fig. A), if a set of twisted lamellae (**fascicular**) (e.g. Plate 20, Figs C, E), if a simple rod (**styliform**) (e.g. Plate 13, Fig. A), if a group of rods (**papillose**) (e.g. Plate 8, Fig. K), if a fine porous mass (**spongy**) (e.g. Plate 12, Fig. G), and if an irregular group of twisted elements (**trabecular**) (e.g. Plate 16, Fig. K).

**Conical Corallum:** See Solitary Corallum.

**Corallite:** The vertical, usually cylindrical, structure produced by an individual polyp, consisting of endothecal dissepiments and the calice at the upper end (e.g. Plate 1, Fig. F). If a corallite occurs at the tip of a colony's branch, it is termed an **axial corallite** (e.g. Plate 24, Fig. F).

**Corallum (Figure 1) (pl. Coralla):** The aragonitic calcium carbonate skeleton of a scleractinian coral. If the coral has only one mouth (or calice), it is termed **solitary** (e.g.



**Plate 10, Figs A–M; Plate 17, Figs A–M)**, if polystomatous (or more than one calice), then a **colonial** (e.g. **Plate 2, Fig. A–L; Plate 3, Figs A–L**).

**Costae (Figure 1)** (sing. **Costa**; adj. **Costate**): Continuation of a septum on the outside of the corallite wall, often as a ridge or low linear mound (e.g. **Plate 24, Figs A, D, G, M**).

**Crest**: See Edge Spine.

**Crown (Figure 1)**: See Palus.

**Cuneiform Corallum**: See Solitary Corallum.

**Cupolate Corallum**: See Solitary Corallum.

**Cycle**: See Septum.

**Cylindrical Corallum**: See Solitary Corallum.

**Discoidal Corallum**: See Solitary Corallum.

**Dissepiments**: Thin horizontal (**tabular dissepiments**, e.g., **Plate 2, Fig. K**) or blister-like plates that form within a corallite (**endothecal**) or beneath the coenosteum outside corallites (**exothecal**), which separate the polyp from the lower part of the corallum that it no longer occupies.

**Distomodeal Budding**: A mode of intratentacular budding in which two polyps (or calices) develop within the common tentacular ring (e.g., **Plate 1, Figs I–K**).

**Edge Spine/Crest/Spur**: The external thecal edges of a solitary coral, those associated with the principal septa, sometimes bears a low thin crest, or a series of hollow spines. If the crest is limited to the basal portion of the corallum and project outward in the shape of a fish tail, they may be called spurs (e.g. **Plate 24, Figs H–M**).

**Edge Zone**: The fold of the polyp body that extends over the edge of the theca (e.g. **Plate 25, Fig. A**).

**Endothecal**: See Dissepiments.

**Epitheca**: Thin, external, smooth or wrinkled, non-trabecular sheath surrounding individual corallites, formed by centripetal (inward) growth (e.g. **Plate 10, Figs I, K; Plate 11, Figs D, I; Plate 12, Fig. F**). **Tectura** is very similar in outward appearance by originates by centrifugal (outward) growth (e.g. **Plate 25, Fig. B**) (Stolarski 1995).

**Exothecal**: See Dissepiments.

**Extratentacular Budding**: See Budding.

**Fascicular Columella**: See Columella.

**Free**: An unattached corallum (e.g. **Plate 14, Figs A–L; Plate 17, Figs A–M; Plate 18, Figs A–Q**).

**Globular Corallum**: See Solitary Corallum.

**Imperforate Theca**: See Theca.

**Intratentacular Budding**: See Budding.

**Labyrinthiform Columella**: See Columella.

**Lamellar Columella**: See Columella.

**Marginal Shelf**: A low rim encircling a solitary corallum composed of greatly reduced septa and costae, or costal spines (Cairns 1989) (e.g. **Plate 25, Fig. D**).

**Menianes:** Short ledge-like features on septal faces formed by aligned lateral extensions of trabeculae (**e.g. Plate 25, Fig. C**).

**Monocyclic Base:** See Base.

**Monostomaeous/Monostomatous:** A single-mouthed corallum, i.e., a solitary form (**e.g. Plate 8, Figs A–F**).

**Normal Arrangement of Septa:** Arrangement of septa within a calice in which the septa are independent and all aligned with the center of the calice. (See Pourtalès Plan) (**e.g. Plate 8, Fig. E; Plate 9, Fig. E**).

**Paliform Lobes:** Small, flattened lobes on the axial septal edge of various cycles, often more than one per septum, and part of the septum to which they are attached (**e.g., Plate 17, Fig. I**).

**Palus (Figure 1) (pl. Pali):** Small flattened lobes on the axial septal edge of various cycles, always one per septum, and not part of the septum to which it is attached but ontogenetically different. Groups of pali occurring on the same cycle of septa and thus stand at the same distance from the center of the calice are called **crowns** of pali (**e.g. Figure 1**).

**Papillose Columella:** See Columella.

**Parricidal Budding:** A mode of intratentacular budding in which new polyps are generated from the inner surface of a fragment of a parent corallum that has longitudinally split apart (**e.g. Plate 16, Fig. J, L–M**).

**Pedicle (Figure 1):** The stem-like region of a solitary coral just above the base and below the calicular surface.

**Perforate Theca:** See Theca.

**Peritheca:** See Coenosteum.

**Polycyclic Base:** See Base.

**Polystomaeous/Polystomatous:** See Corallum.

**Portalès Plan:** A form of septal arrangement in which the axial edges of pairs of higher cycle septa bend in front of and unite before their adjacent lower cycle septum (**e.g. Plate 25, Fig. E**). See Cairns (1994: fig. 2).

**Reptoid Budding:** A type of extratentacular budding in which polyps are asexually generated from a thin, reticulate, encrusting ribbon (similar to stoloniferous budding) (**e.g. Plate 6, Fig. B; Plate 7, Fig. F**).

**Scoleoid Corallum:** See Solitary Corallum.

**Septum (pl. Septa):** Radially arranged longitudinal partitions of a corallite (**Figure 1**), usually arranged in hexameral symmetry. Septa are added in **cycles**, the first cycle composed of 6 septa, the second also of 6, the third of 12, the fourth of 24, the fifth of 48, etc. resulting in corallites consisting of 6, 12, 24, 48, or 96, etc. septa per calice. Septa can bear smooth, dentate, or lacinate axial margin (**Figure 1**).

**Solitary Corallum:** Solitary coralla exist in a variety of shapes, the shape being one of the criteria used to differentiate genera and species. Many solitary coralla are shaped as an inverted cone (**conical**), and may be attached and straight or free and usually curved. If the edges of the cone diverge at a hypothetical basal angle of 10–40°, this corallum is called **ceratoid** (**e.g. Plate 10, Figs H–I**), if the angle is 40–60°, then



**trochoid** (e.g. **Plate 8, Fig. F**), if the angle is 60–80°, **turbinate** (e.g. **Plate 13, Fig. H**), and if the angle is 160–180° and the corallum is low, **discoidal** (e.g. **Plate 18, Fig. P**). Coralla may also be **cylindrical** (e.g. **Plate 22, Fig. N**), and if the cylinder is irregular in shape, **scolecoid** (e.g. **Plate 12, Fig. D**). Others are wedge-shaped (**cuneiform**) or **bowl-shaped** (e.g. **Plate 17, Figs F, H, J, M**). Still others have a flat base with a convex upper surface (**cupolate**) (e.g. **Plate 19, Figs A–F**) and others are simply onion-shaped or irregular (**globular**) (e.g. **Plate 18, Fig. B**).

**Spongy Columella:** See Columella.

**Stereome:** A general term for thick calcareous deposits, generally thickening various parts of the corallum.

**Stoloniferous Budding:** A type of extratentacular budding in which polyps are asexually generated from a thin, elongate, encrusting coenenchymal ribbon, the connecting ribbon often obscured by encrusting organisms (e.g. **Plate 5, Fig. B; Plate 6, Fig. D**).

**Styliform Columella:** See Columella.

**Synapticular Plate:** Ribbons of calcium carbonate linking adjacent fungiacyathid septa, first appearing as vertical rods midway between septa, later bifurcate, the two ends fusing to adjacent septal faces (T- or Y-shaped) (Cairns 1989a) (e.g. **Plate 25, Fig. F**).

**Trabecular Columella:** See Columella.

**Tabular Endothecal Dissepiment:** See Dissepiment.

**Tectura:** See Epitheca.

**Theca (Figure 1):** The skeletal sides, or walls, of solitary coralla or corallites of colonial corals, that enclose the polyps. If the theca is solid, it is termed **imperforate** (e.g. **Plate 9, Figs D, L**); if the theca is porous, **perforate** (e.g. **Plate 22, Figs I–J**).

**Thecal spots/pores:** Some genera have longitudinal series of small pores aligned with the interseptal spaces of various cycles, termed thecal pores. In other genera, these analogous structures do not penetrate the theca but are visible only as slightly differently colored spots of a constructional consistently different from the remaining theca, these termed spots (e.g. **Plate 11, Figs F–G; Plate 22, Fig. N**).

**Thecal spur:** See Edge Spine.

**Trabecular Columella:** See Columella.

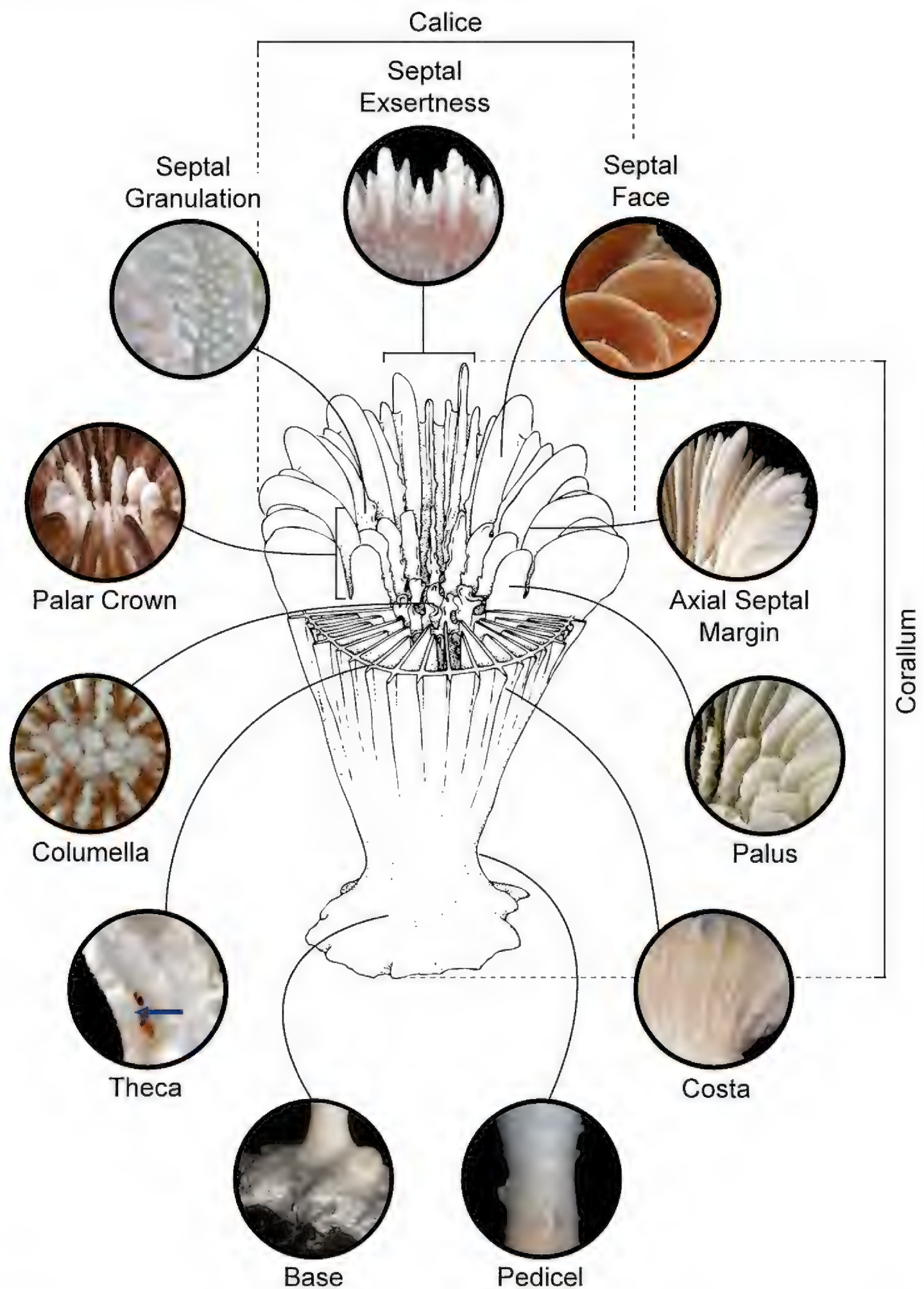
**Transverse Division:** One of the three main methods of asexual reproduction among the Scleractinia (Cairns 1988b). In this method an attached sexually produced solitary corallum (called the **anthocaulus** - e.g. **Plate 25, Figs H, J**) transversely divides it corallum usually along a crescent-shaped line of thecal weakness, producing an asexually generated distal corallum (the **anthocyathus** - e.g. **Plate 25, Figs G, I**), which falls to the substrate as an unattached (free) corallum, the base of which retains a scar of previous attachment (e.g. **Plate 25, Figs I–J**).

**Trochoid Corallum:** See Solitary Corallum.

**Turbinate Corallum:** See Solitary Corallum.

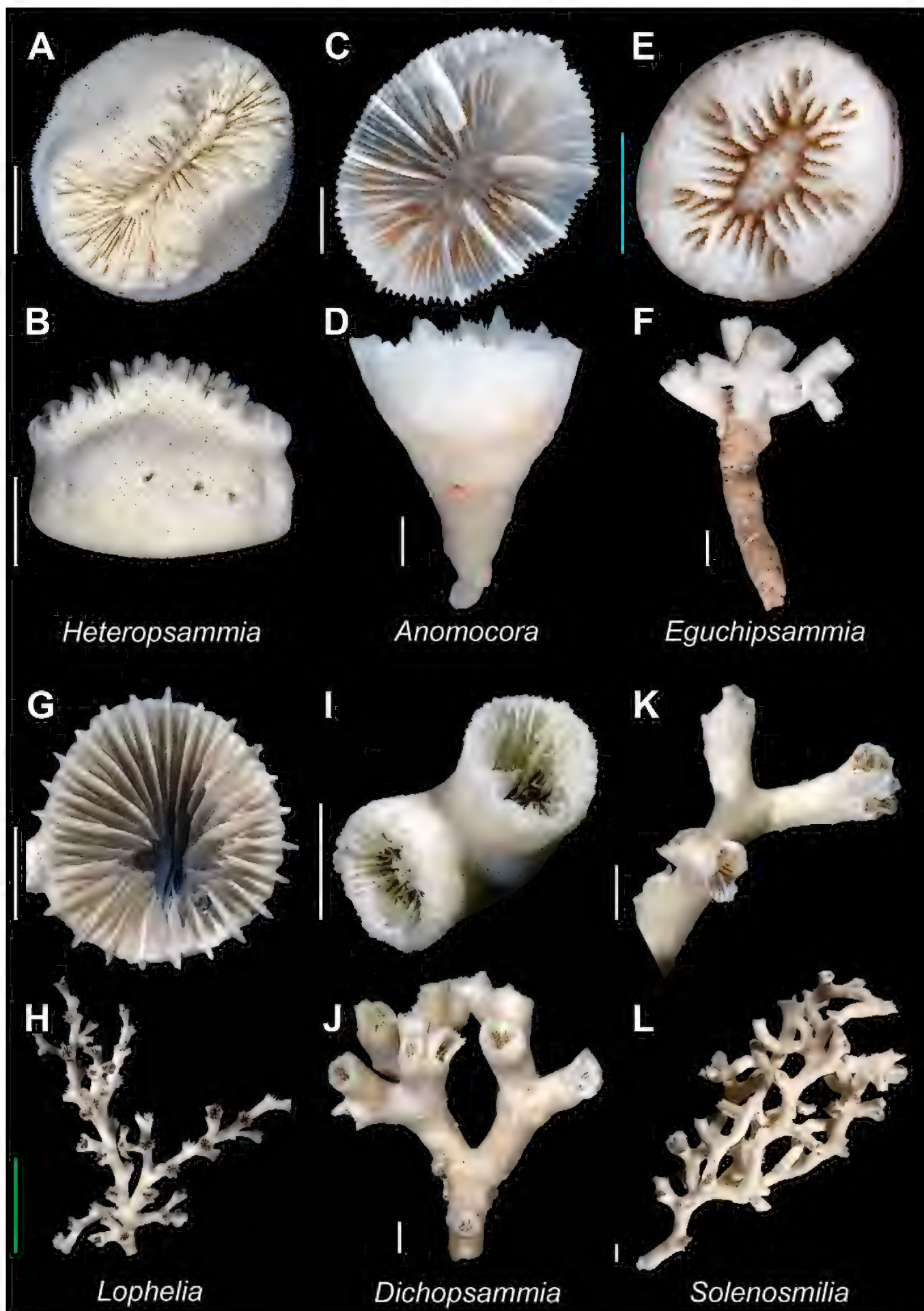
**Zooxanthellate:** Species that have symbiotic relationships with unicellular photosynthetic dinoflagellates (*Symbiodinium* spp.).

## Figure and plates



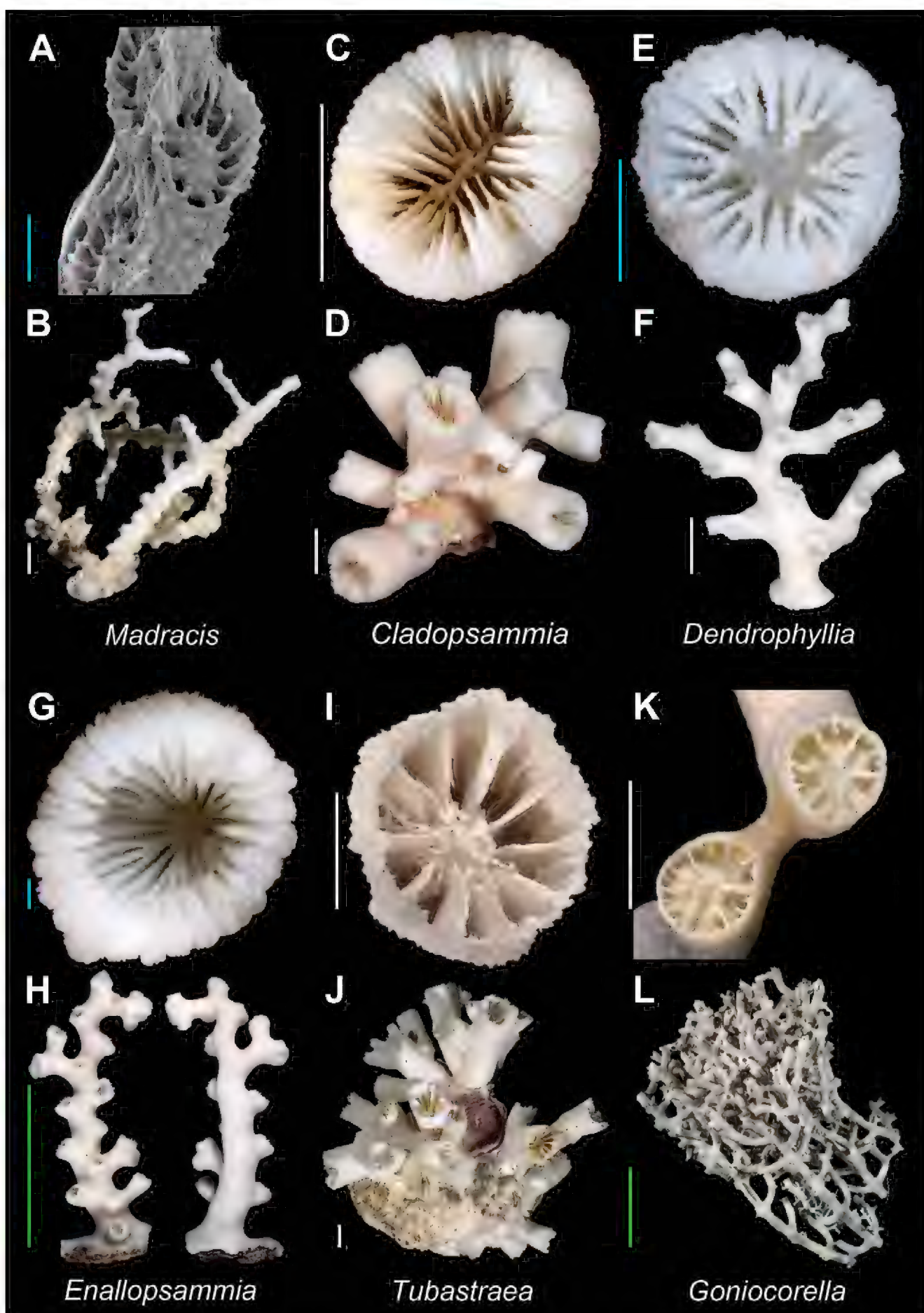
**Figure 1.** Cutaway diagram of a species of *Caryophyllia* illustrating the basic morphological features of an attached, solitary scleractinian (Modified from Cairns 1994). Small circular photos are from different scleractinian species and are intended to illustrate basic morphological characters used in the taxonomy of the group.





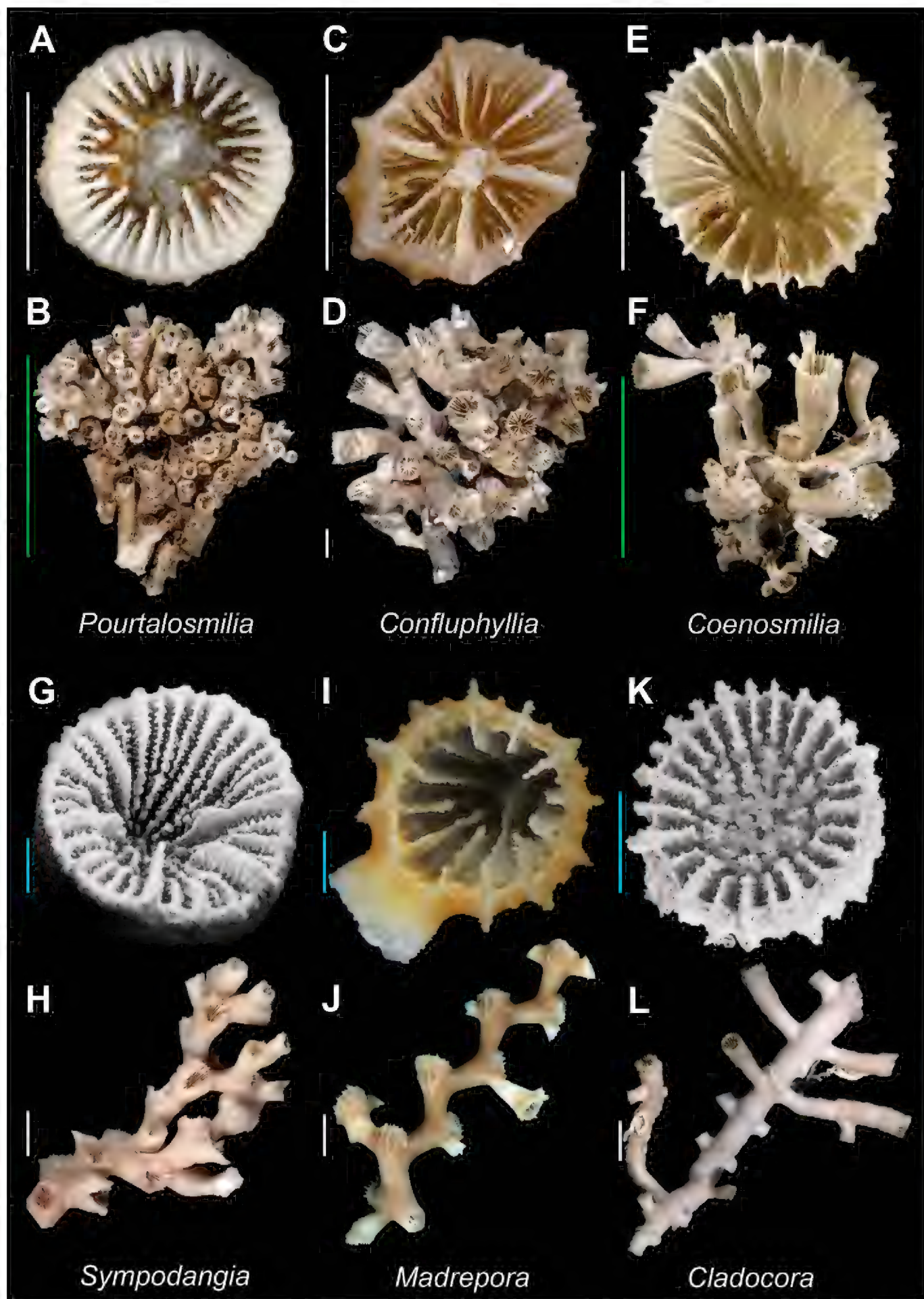
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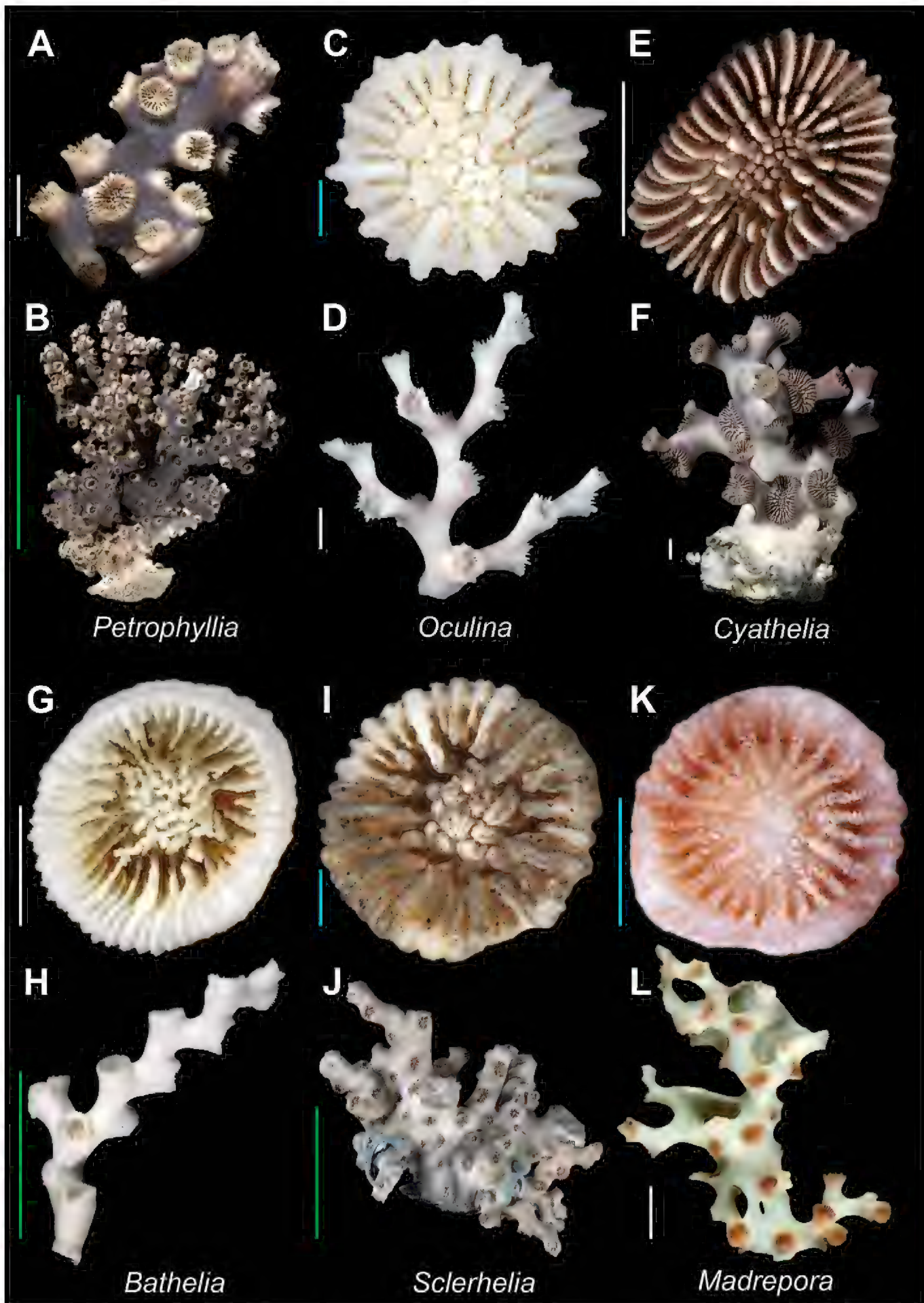
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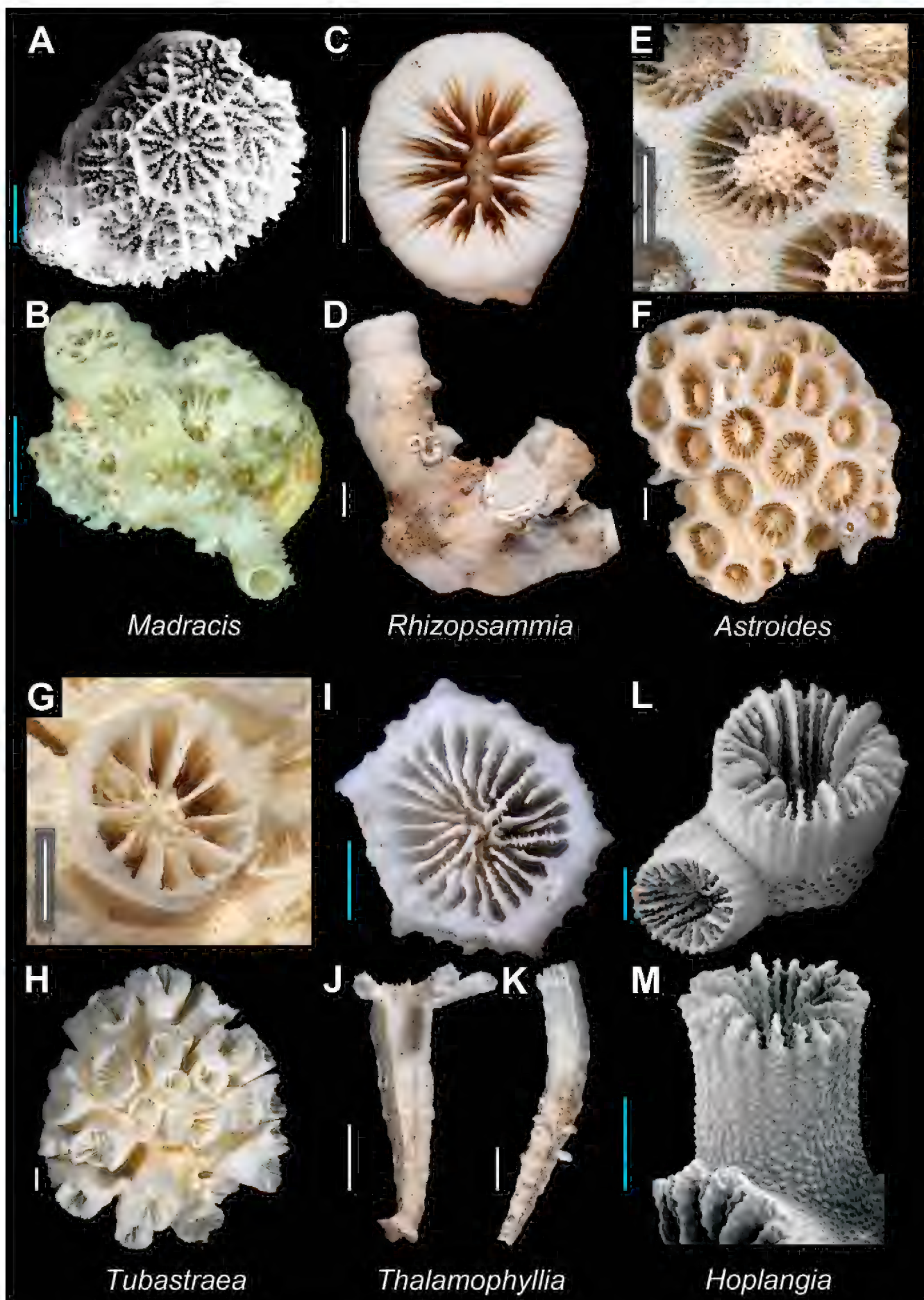
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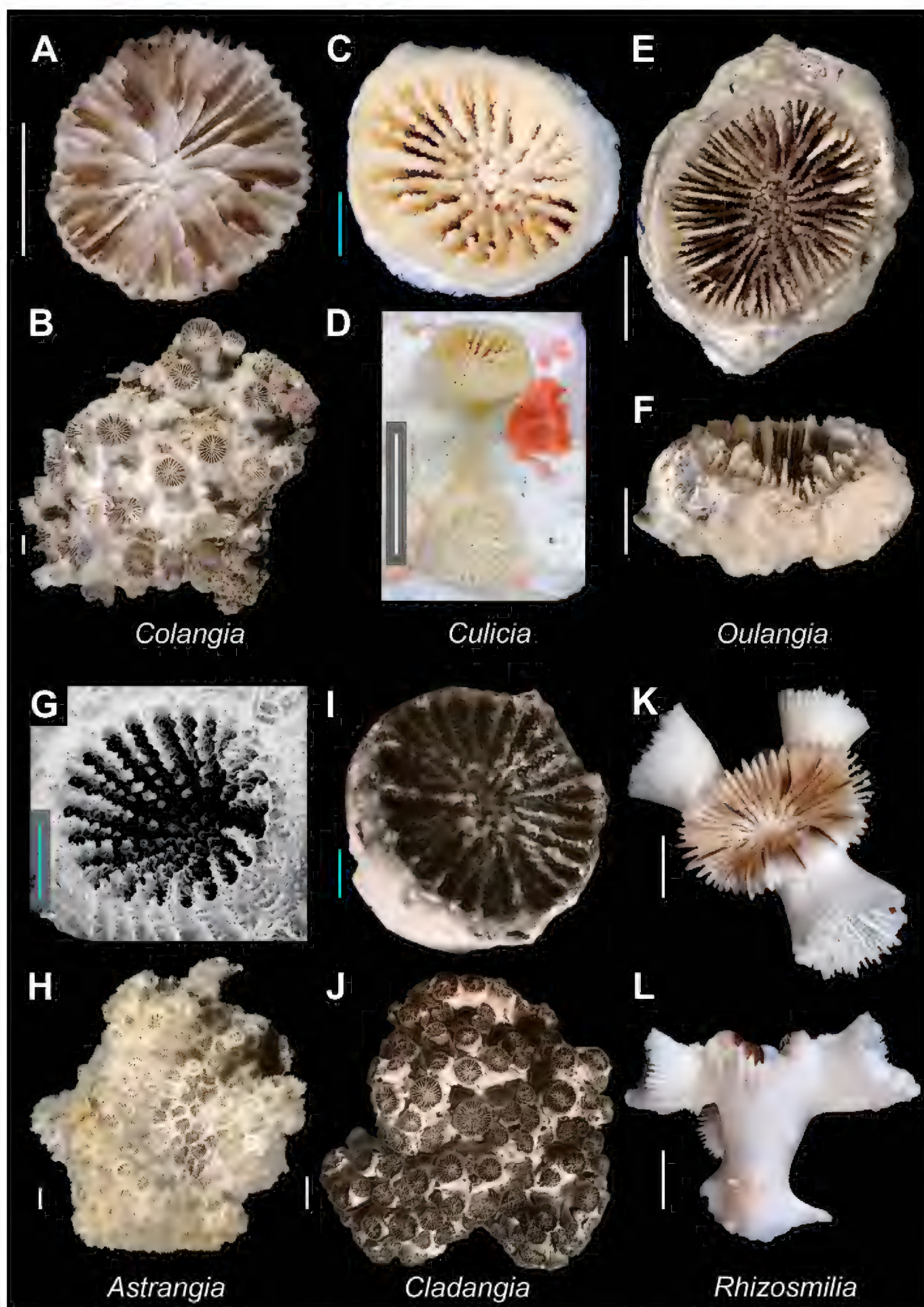
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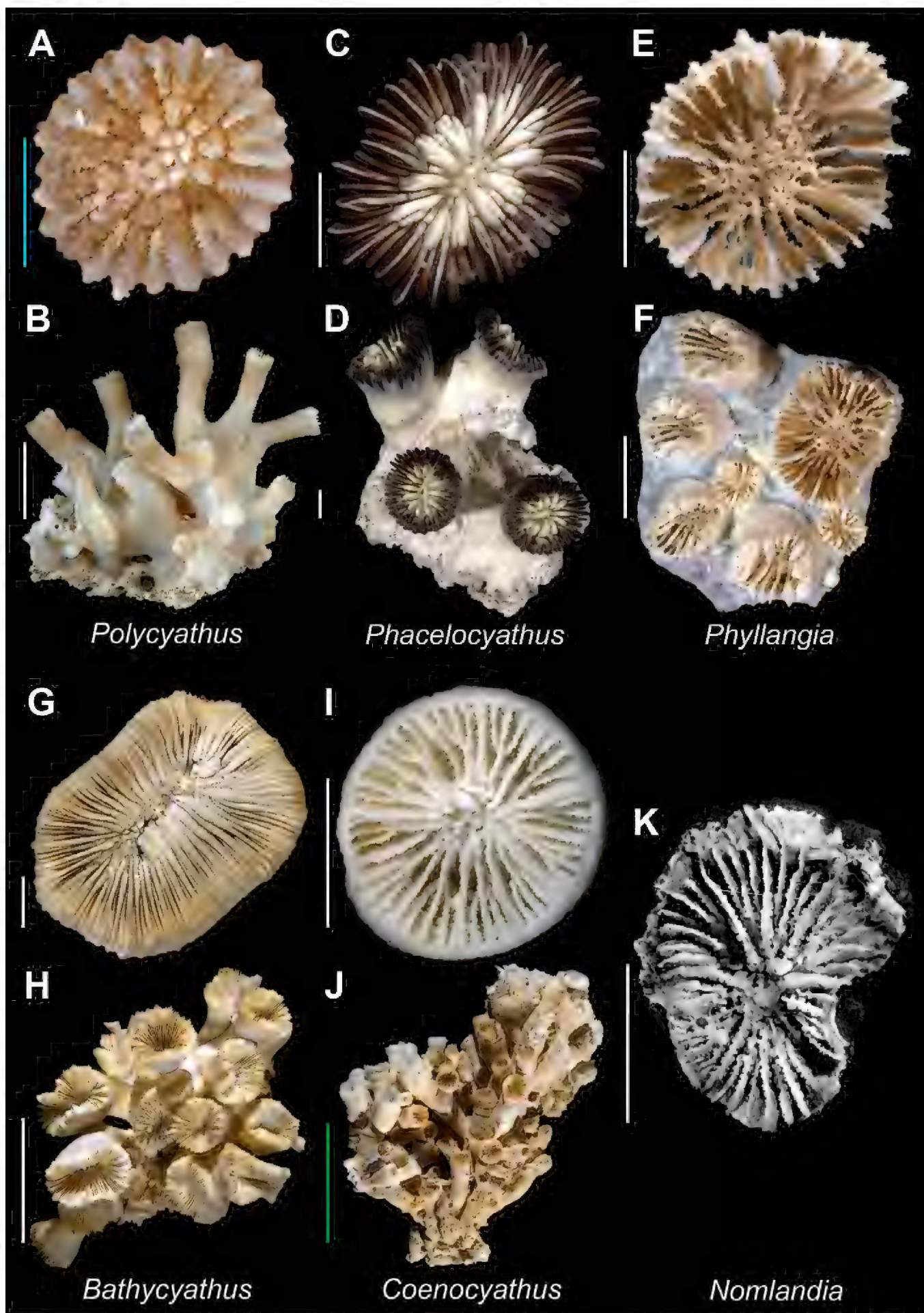
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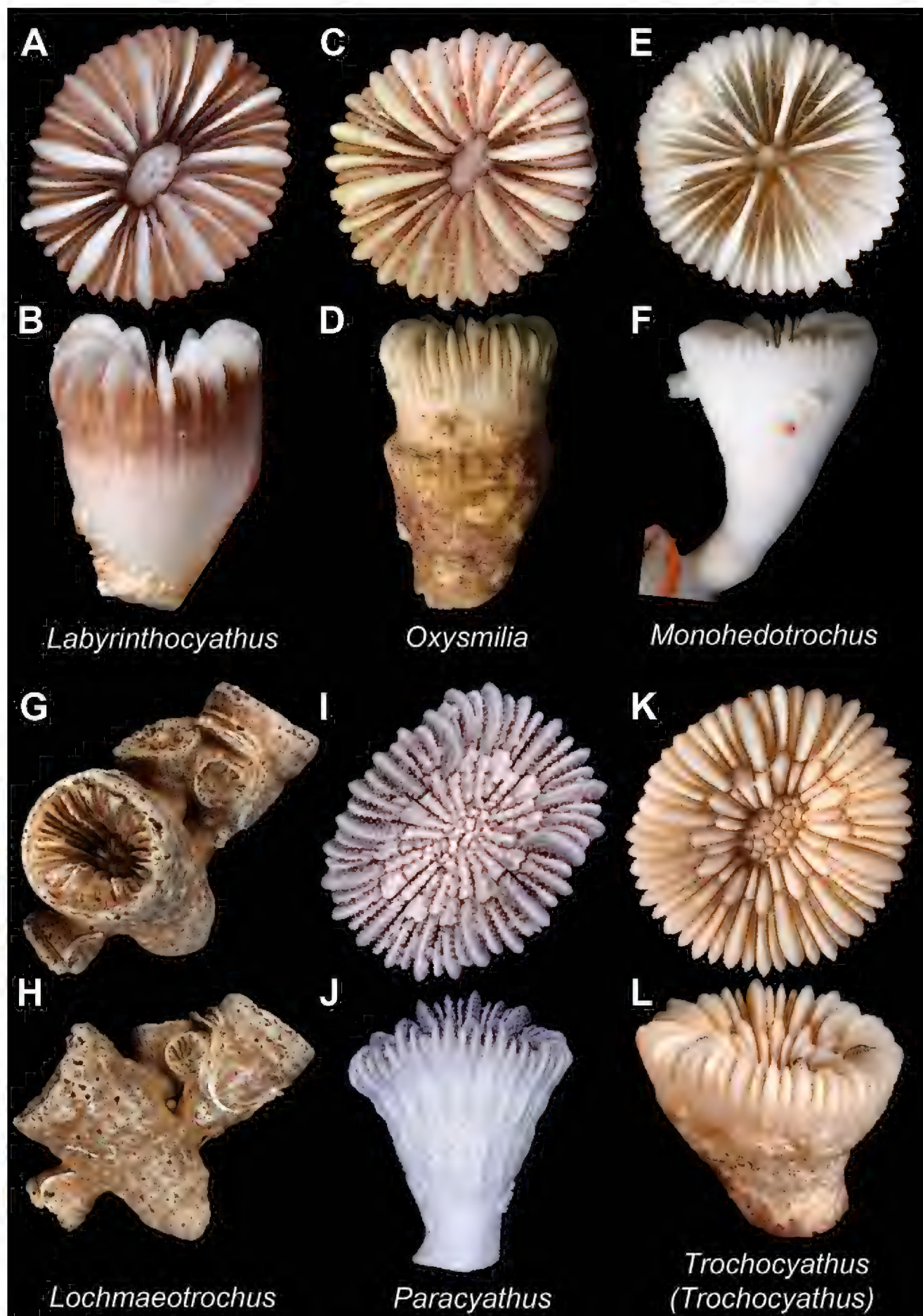
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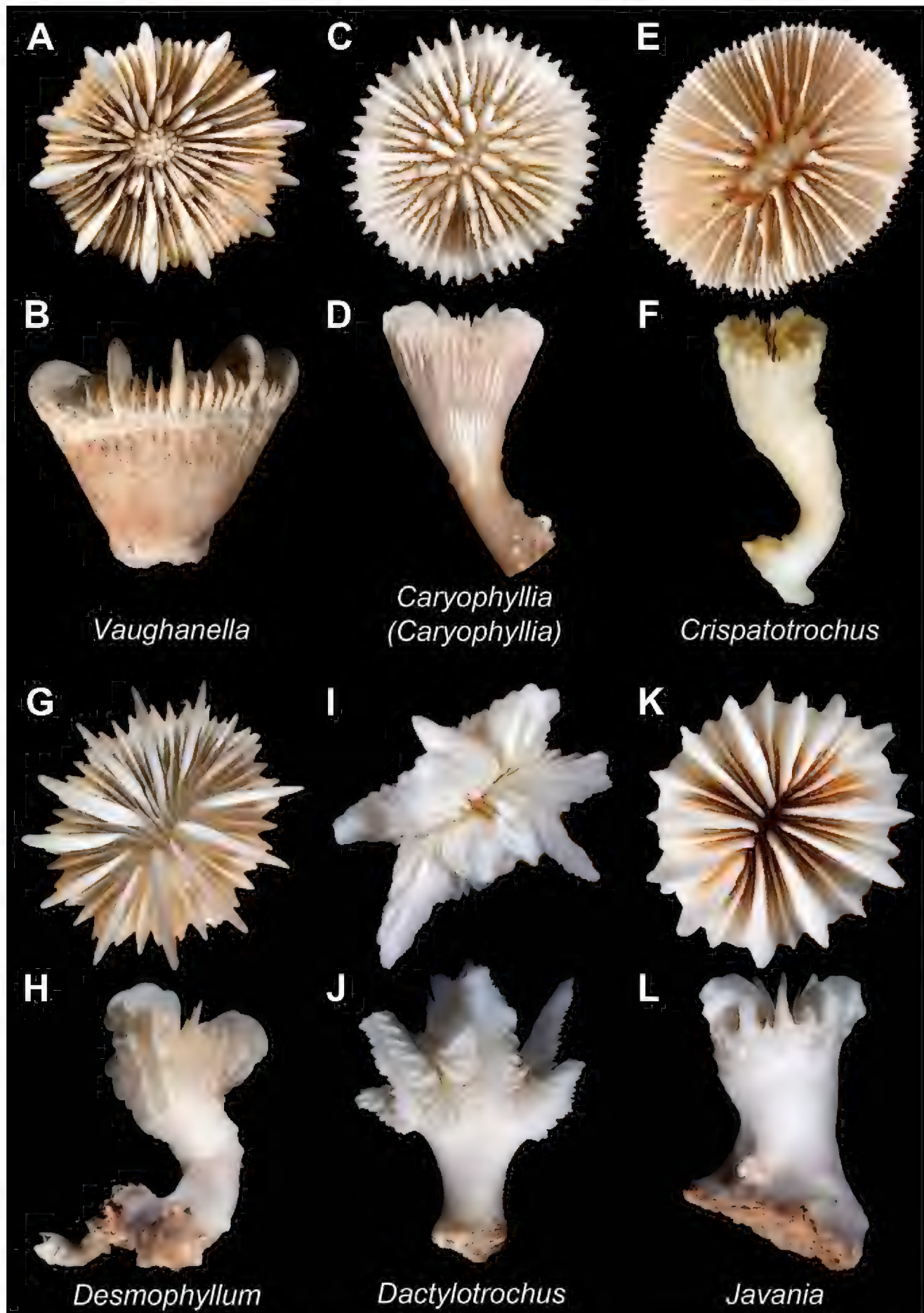
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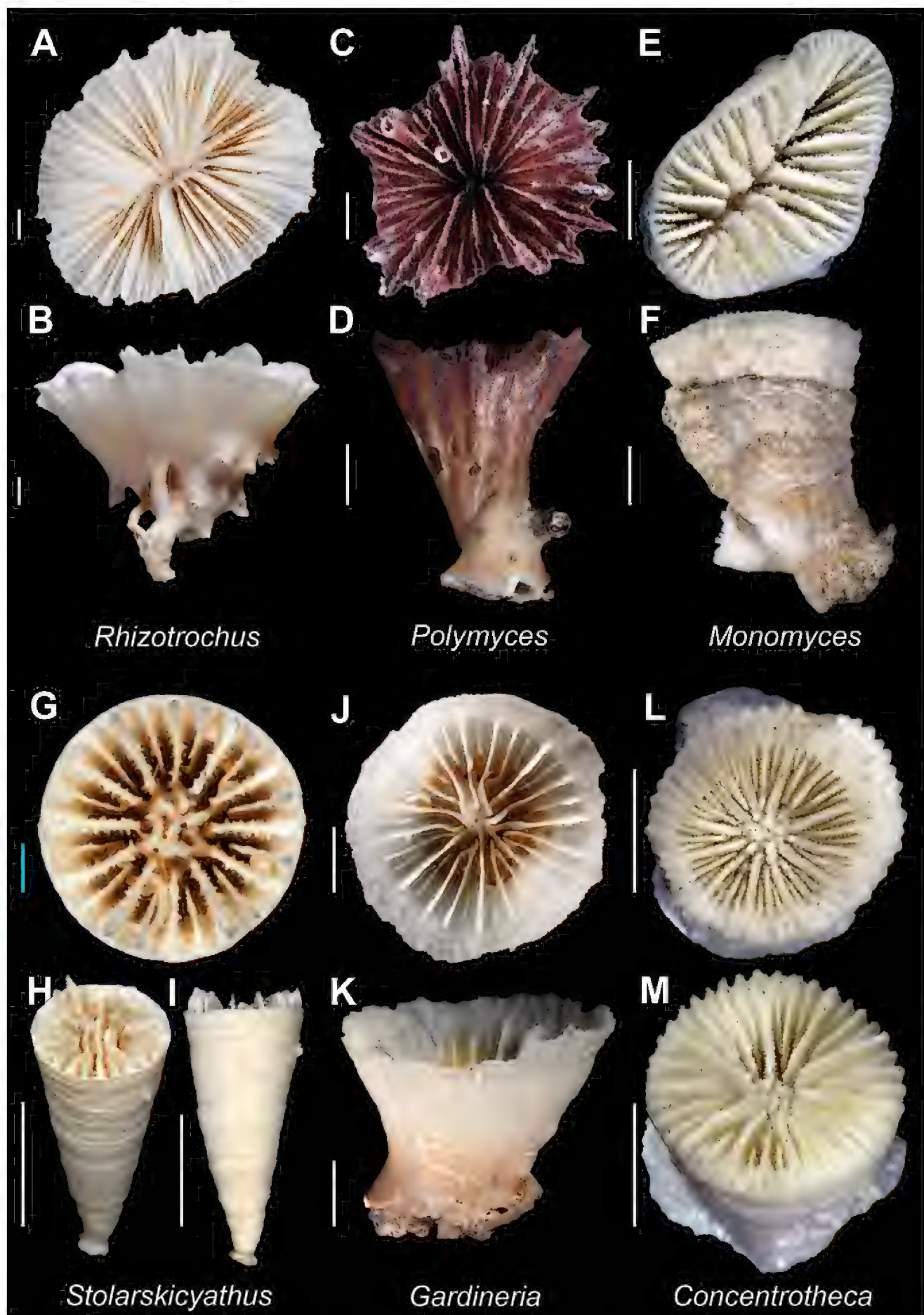
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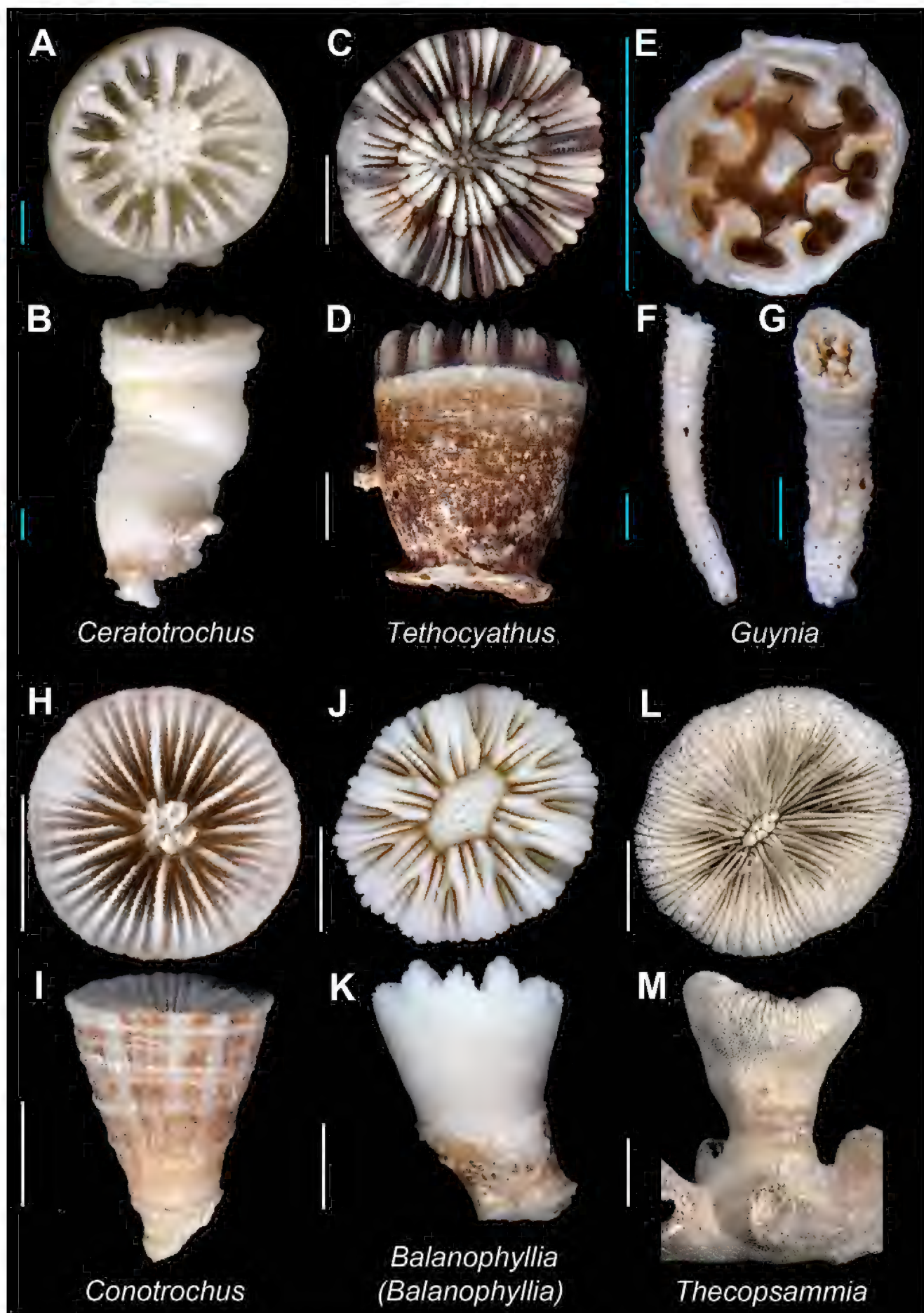
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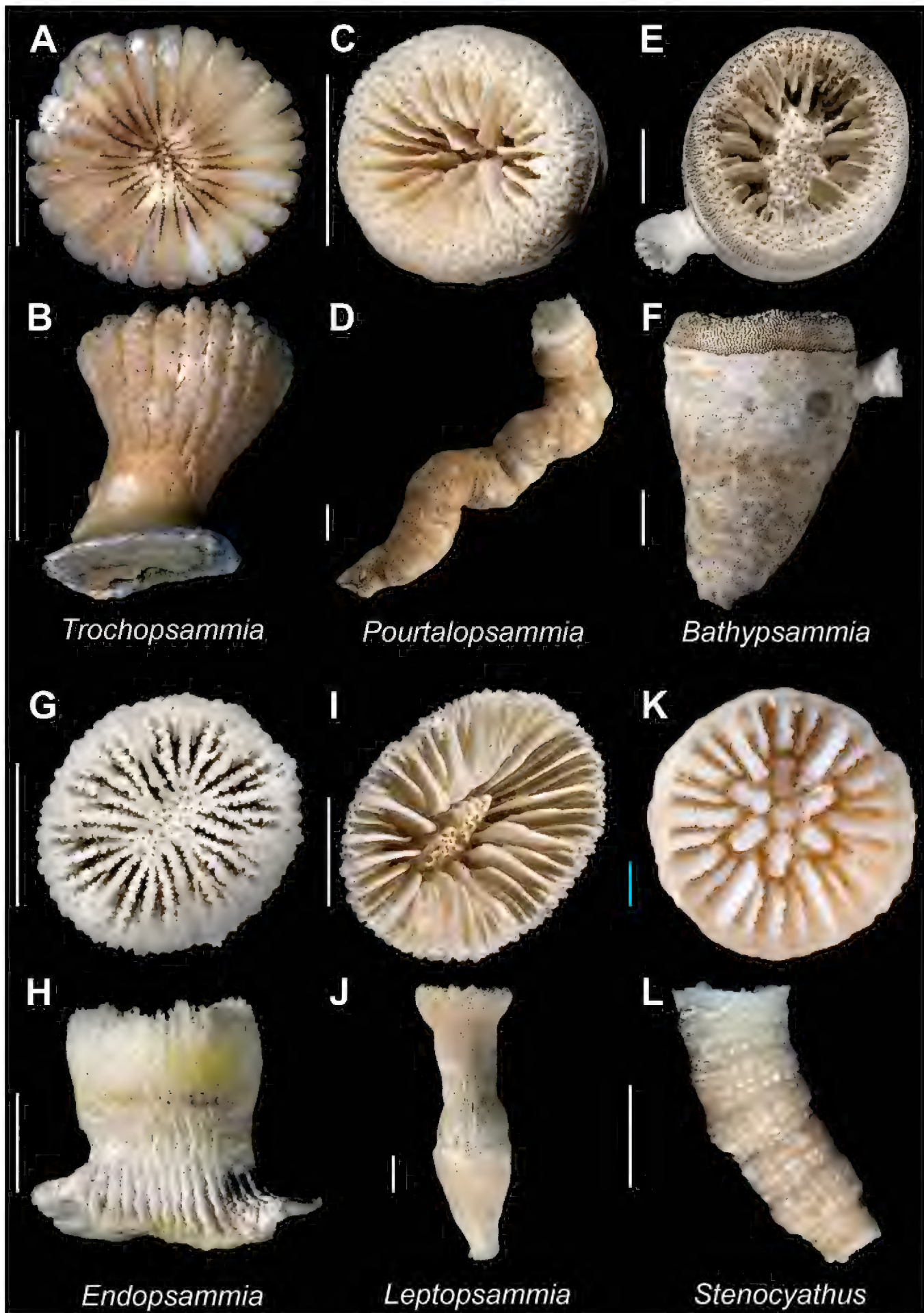
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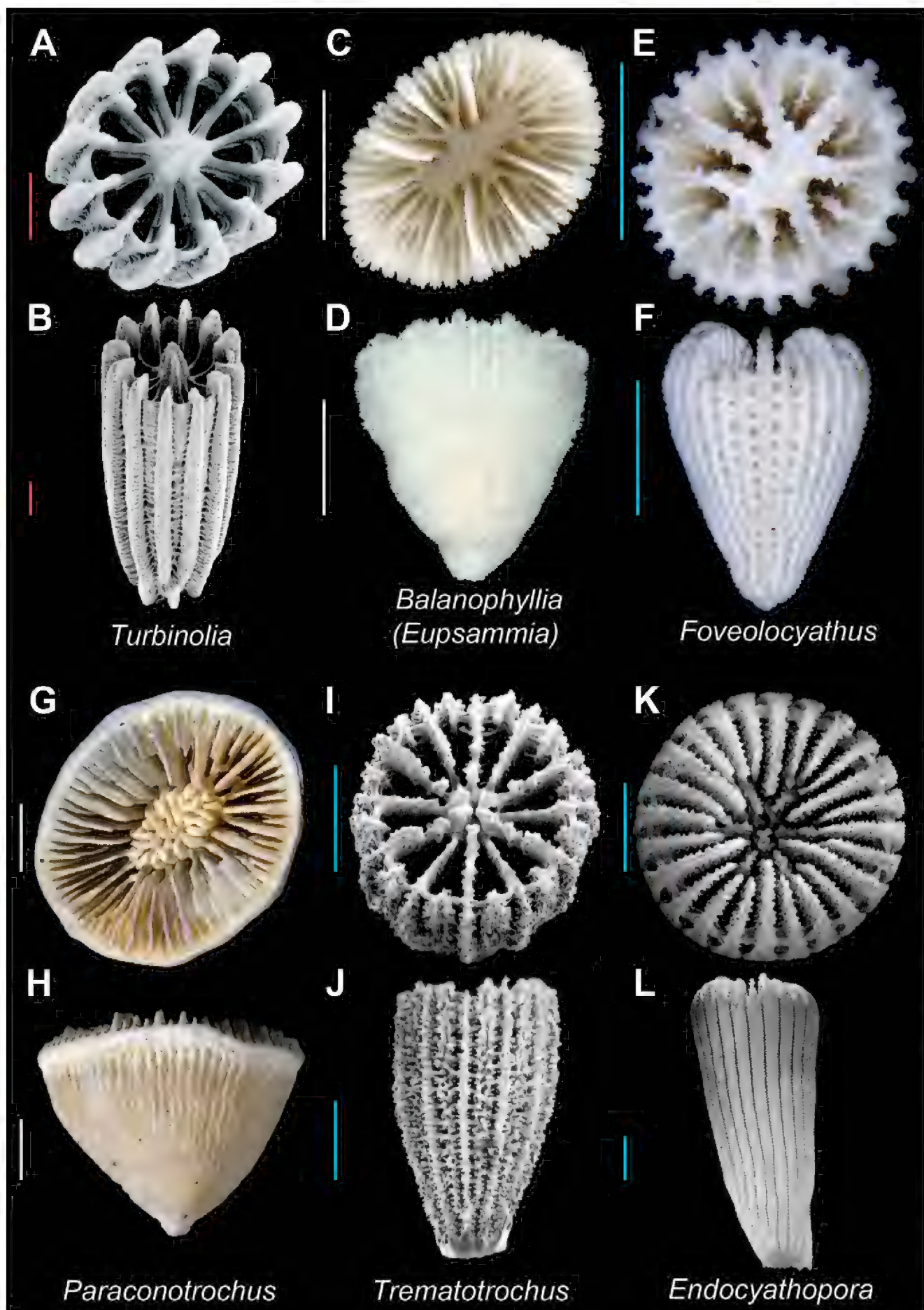
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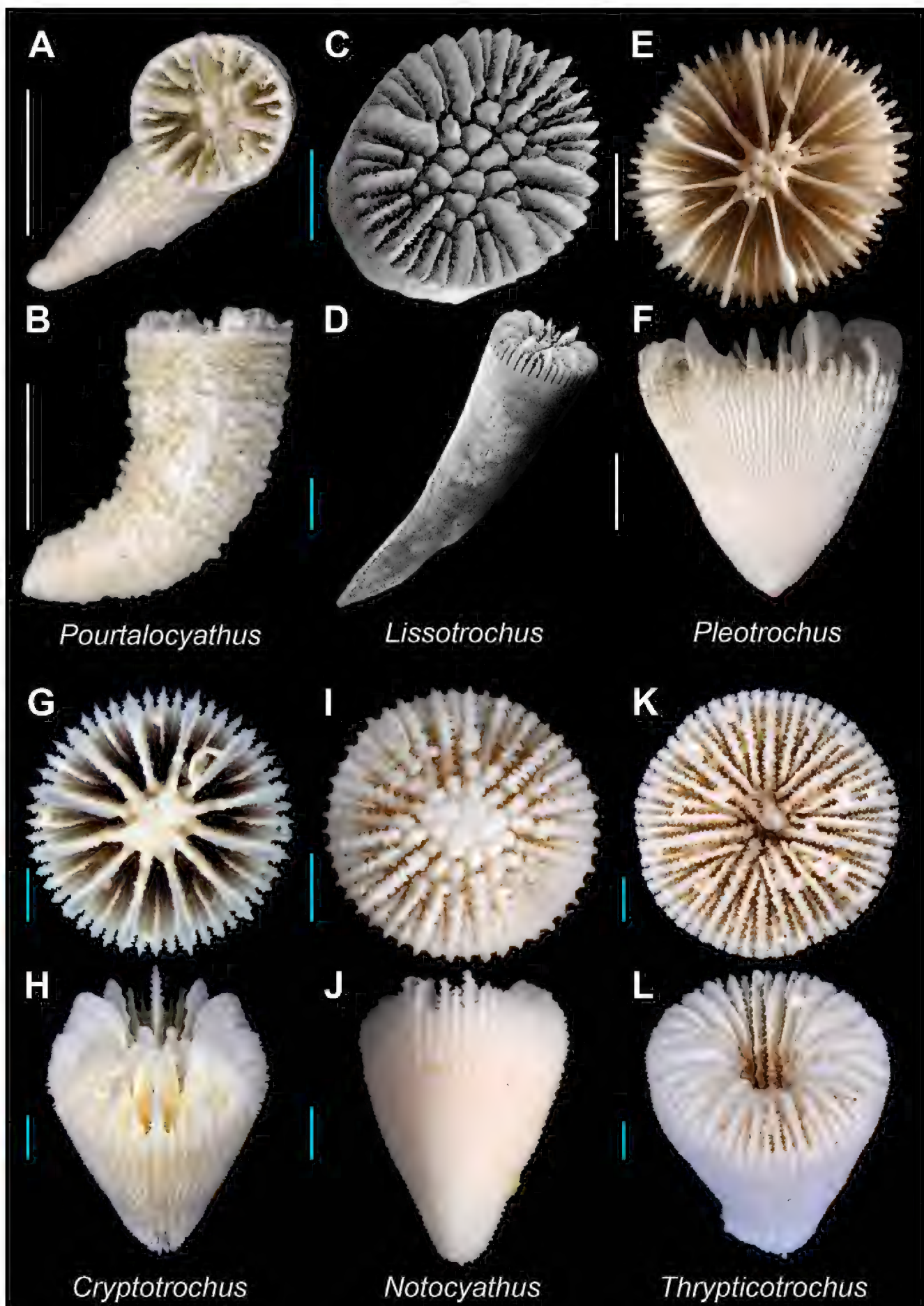
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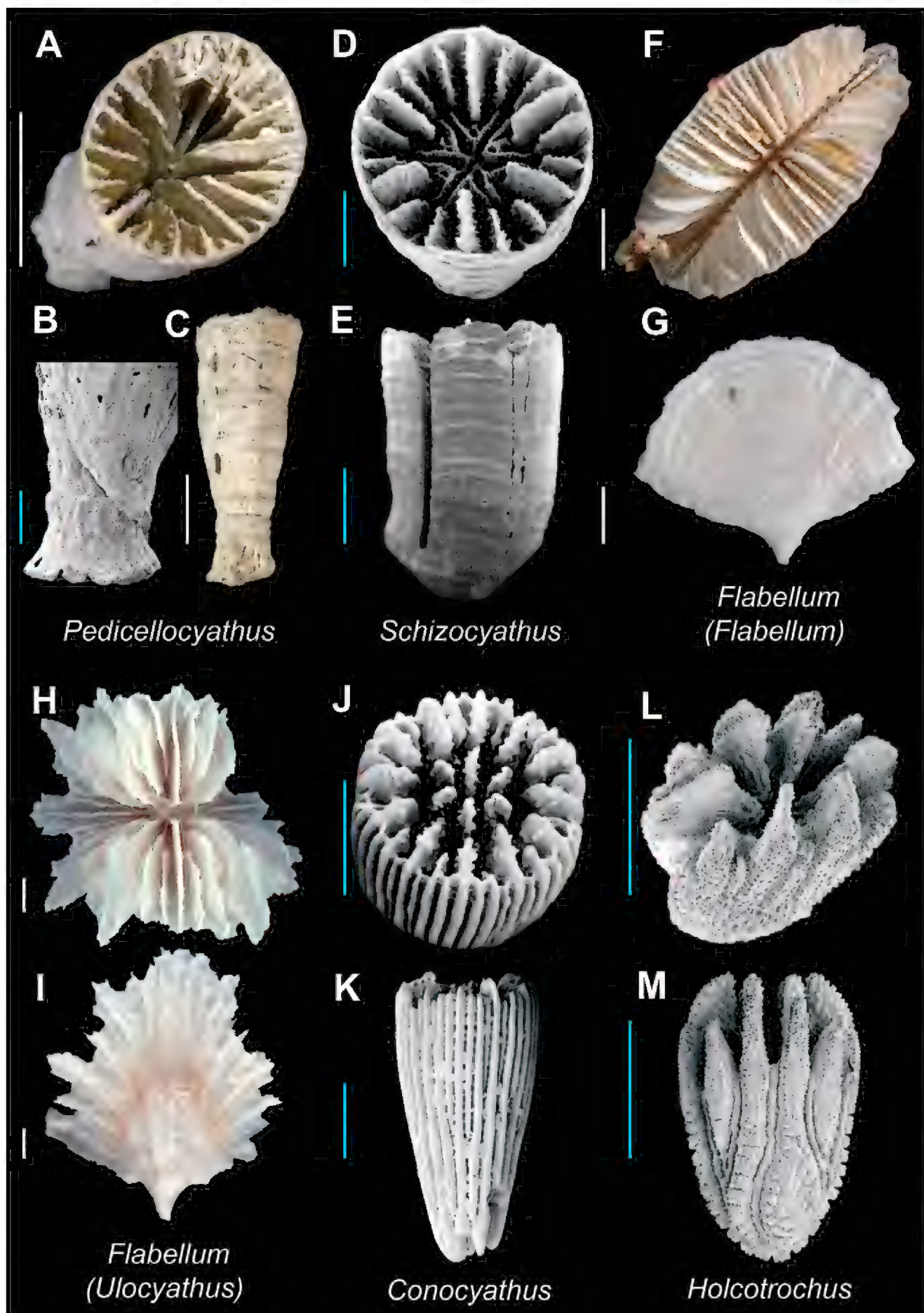
**Plate 13.** *Turbinolia stephensoni* (USNM 80014) **A** (SEM) and **B** (SEM): Calicular and oblique view respectively; *Balanophyllia* (*Eupsammia*) *carinata* (MNHN uncatalogued, Chalcal stn. D22) **C** and **D** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Foveolocyathus parkeri* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 5 stn. 280) **E** and **F** Calicular and lateral view respectively; ***Paraconotrochus zeidleri*** (USNM 85677, paratype) **G** and **H** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Trematotrochus corbicula* (USNM 46477) **I** (SEM) and **J** (SEM): Calicular and lateral view respectively; ***Endocyathopora laticostata*** (USNM 81894) **K** (SEM) and **L** (SEM): Calicular and lateral view respectively. Scale bars: red = 0.25 mm; blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm; green = 50 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





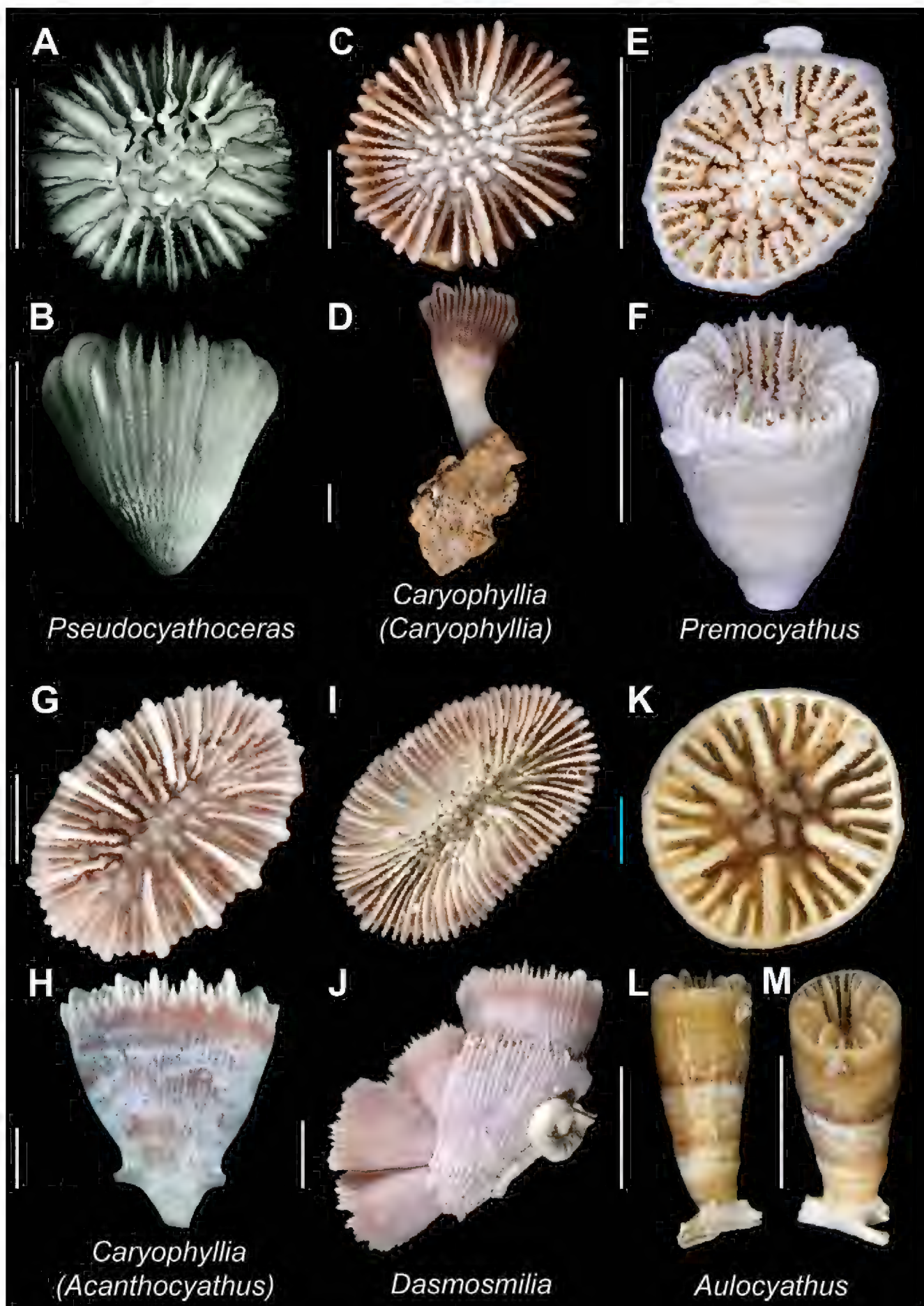
**Plate 14.** *Portalocyathus hispidus* (USNM 61928) **A** and **B** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Lissotrochus curvatus* (AM G16745) **C** (SEM) and **D** (SEM): Calicular and oblique view respectively; *Pleotrochus venustus* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. DW 2104) **E** and **F** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Cryptotrochus* sp. (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2603) **G** and **H** Calicular and oblique view respectively; *Notocyathus venustus* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. DW 958) **I** and **J** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Thrypticotrochus petterdi* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2561) **K** and **L** Calicular and oblique view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





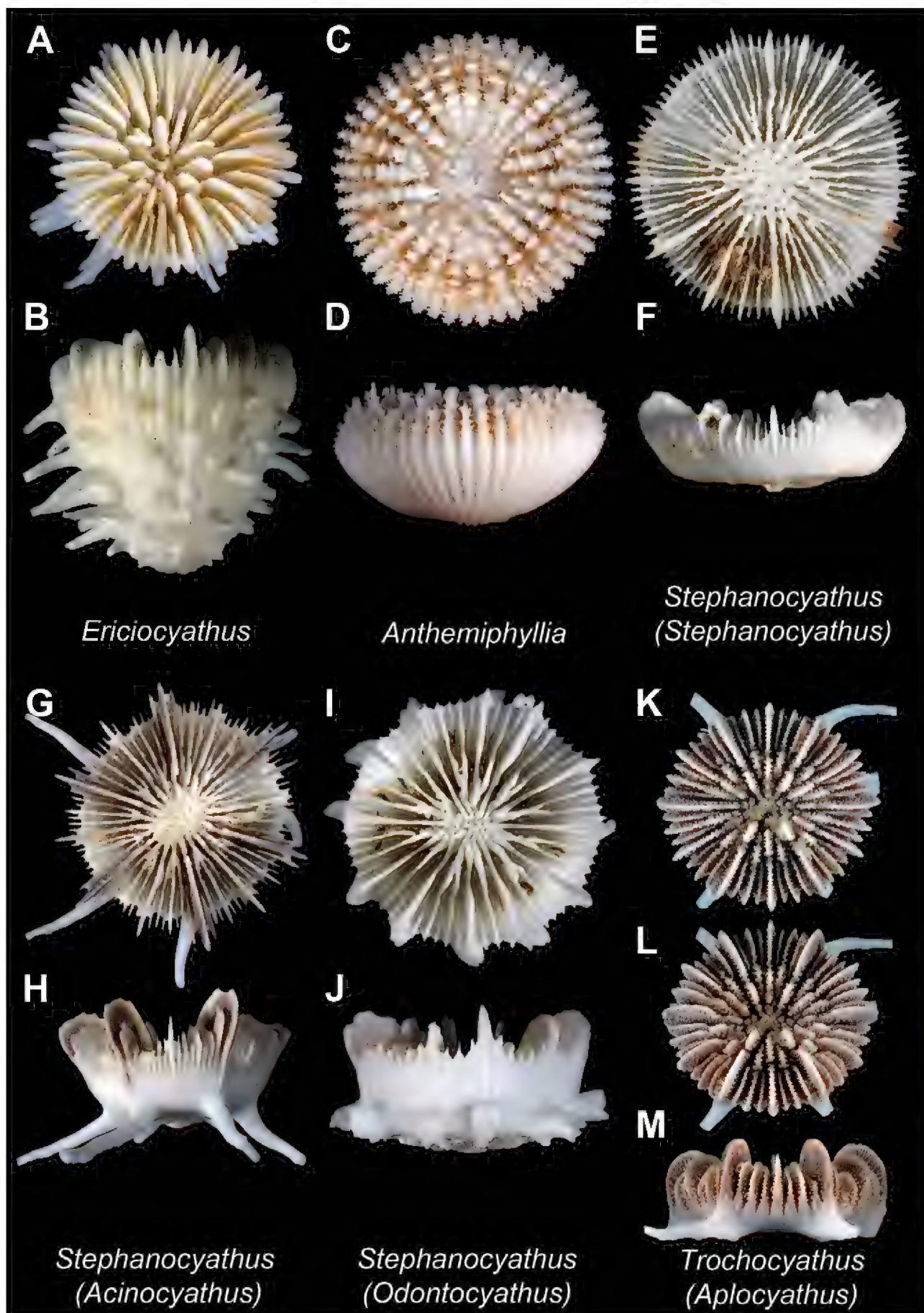
**Plate 15.** *Pedicellocyathus keyesi* (USNM 94268, paratype) **A**, **B** (SEM), and **C** Calicular, pedicel detail, and lateral view respectively; *Schizocyathus fissilis* (USNM 61747) **D** (SEM) and **E** (SEM): Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Flabellum* (*Flabellum*) *politum* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. DW933) **F** and **G** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Flabellum* (*Ulocyathus*) *messum* (MNHN uncatalogued, Bathus 1 stn. DW661) **H** and **I** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Conocyathus zelandiae* (USNM 85713) **J** (SEM) and **K** (SEM): Oblique and lateral view respectively; *Holcotrochus scriptus* (USNM 85687) **L** (SEM) and **M** (SEM): Oblique and lateral view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





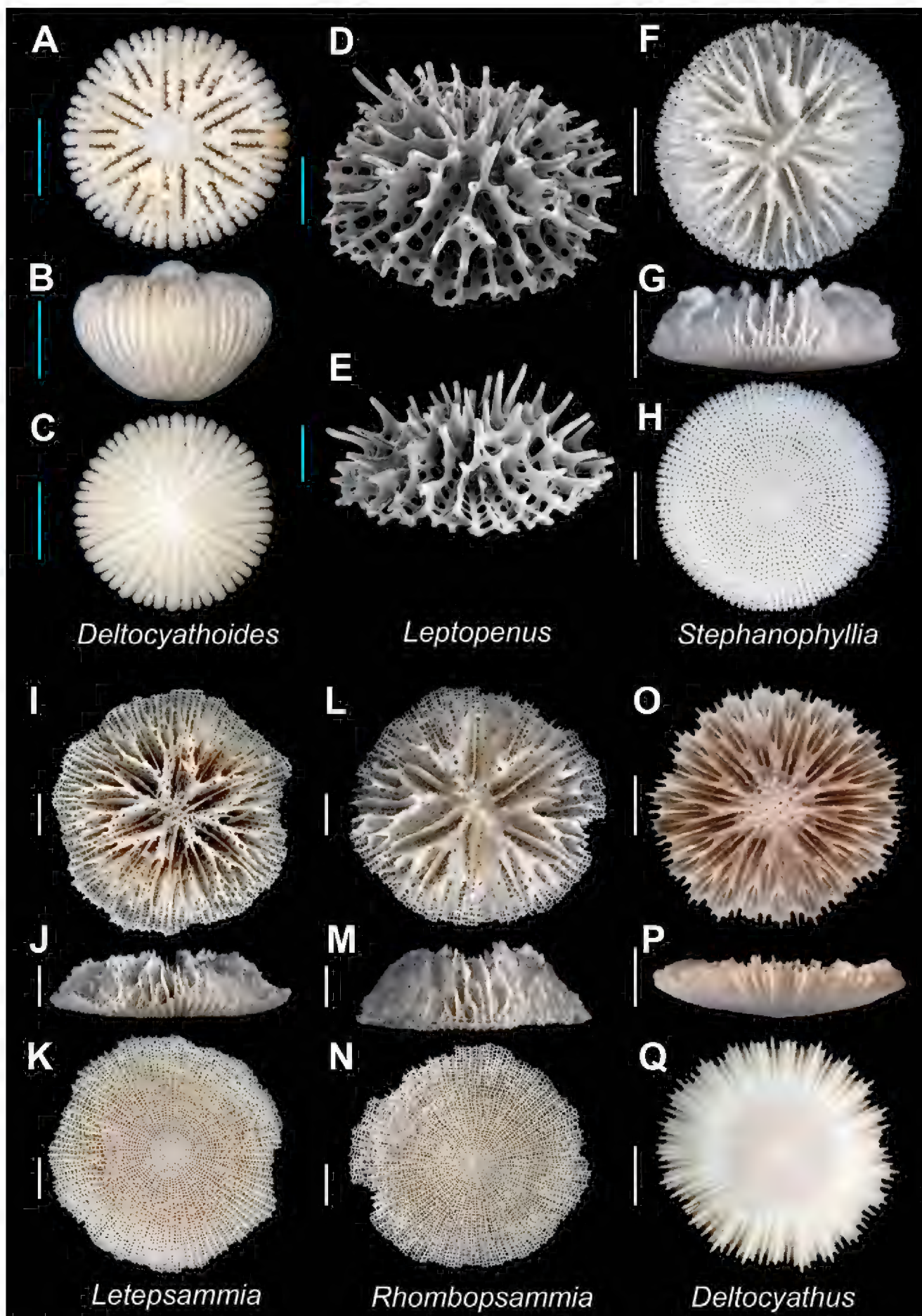
**Plate 16.** *Pseudocyathoceras avis* (USNM 46962, holotype) **A** and **B** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Caryophyllia* (*Caryophyllia*) *quadragenaria* (USNM uncatalogued, PrFO, New Caledonia) **C** and **D** Calicular and oblique view respectively; *Premocyathus dentiformis* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2573) **E** and **F** Calicular and oblique view respectively; *Caryophyllia* (*Acanthocyathus*) *grayi* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2559) **G** and **H** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Dasmosmilia lymani* (USNM 82997) **I** and **J** Calicular and lateral (aggregation) view respectively; *Aulocyathus juvenescens* (MNHN uncatalogued, Lifou 2000 stn. DW37) **K**, **L**, and **M** Calicular, lateral, and oblique view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





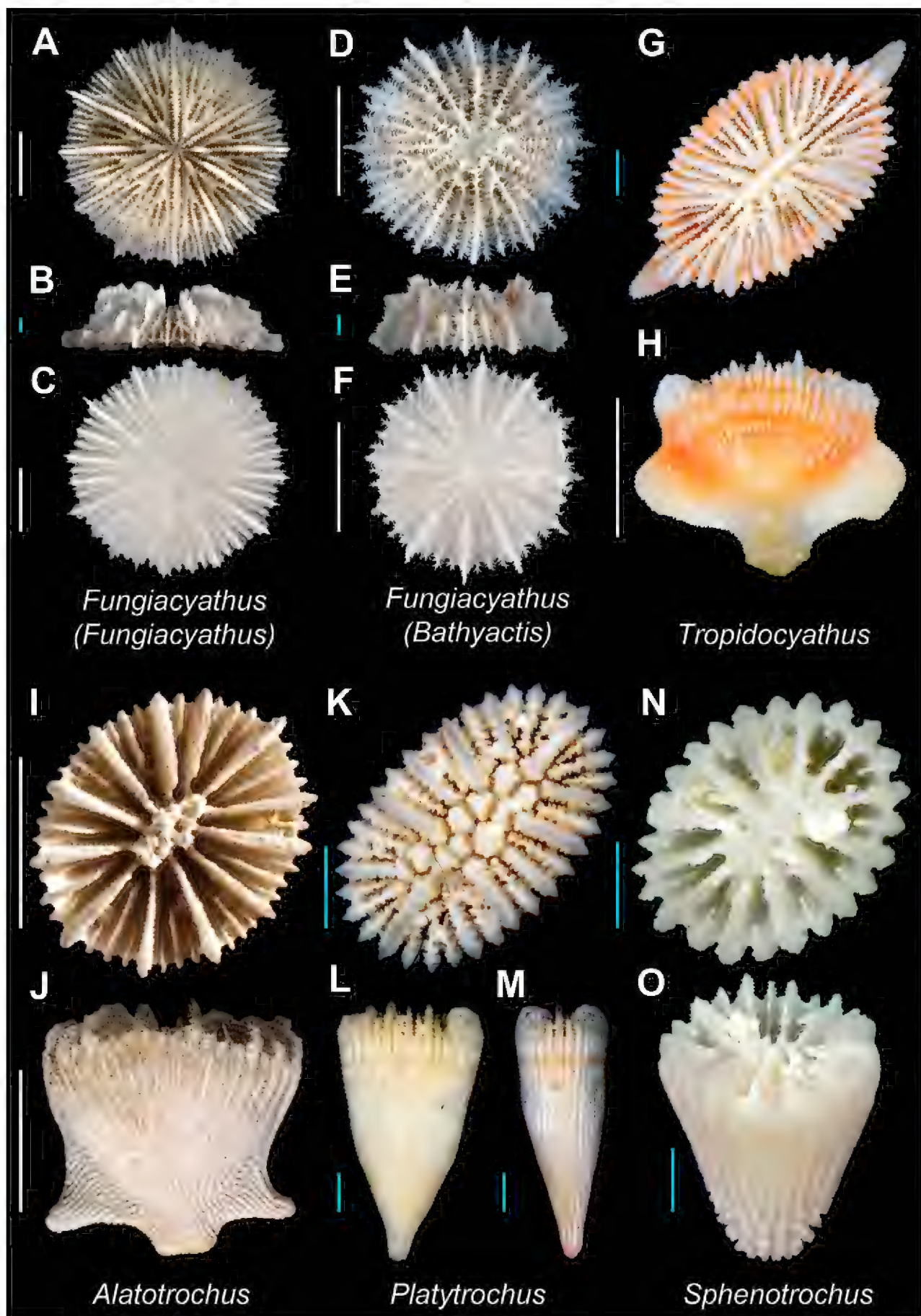
**Plate 17.** *Eriocyathus echinatus* (USNM 97169, holotype) **A** and **B** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Anthemiphyllia patera costata* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. 2066) **C** and **D** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Stephanocyathus* (*Stephanocyathus*) *regius* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. 858) **E** and **F** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Stephanocyathus* (*Acinocyathus*) *spiniger* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. CP877) **G** and **H** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Stephanocyathus* (*Odontocyathus*) *coronatus* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. CP950) **I** and **J** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Trochocyathus* (*Aplocyathus*) *brevispina* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 8 stn. DW960) **K**, **L**, and **M** Calicular, oblique, and lateral view respectively. Scale bars represent 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





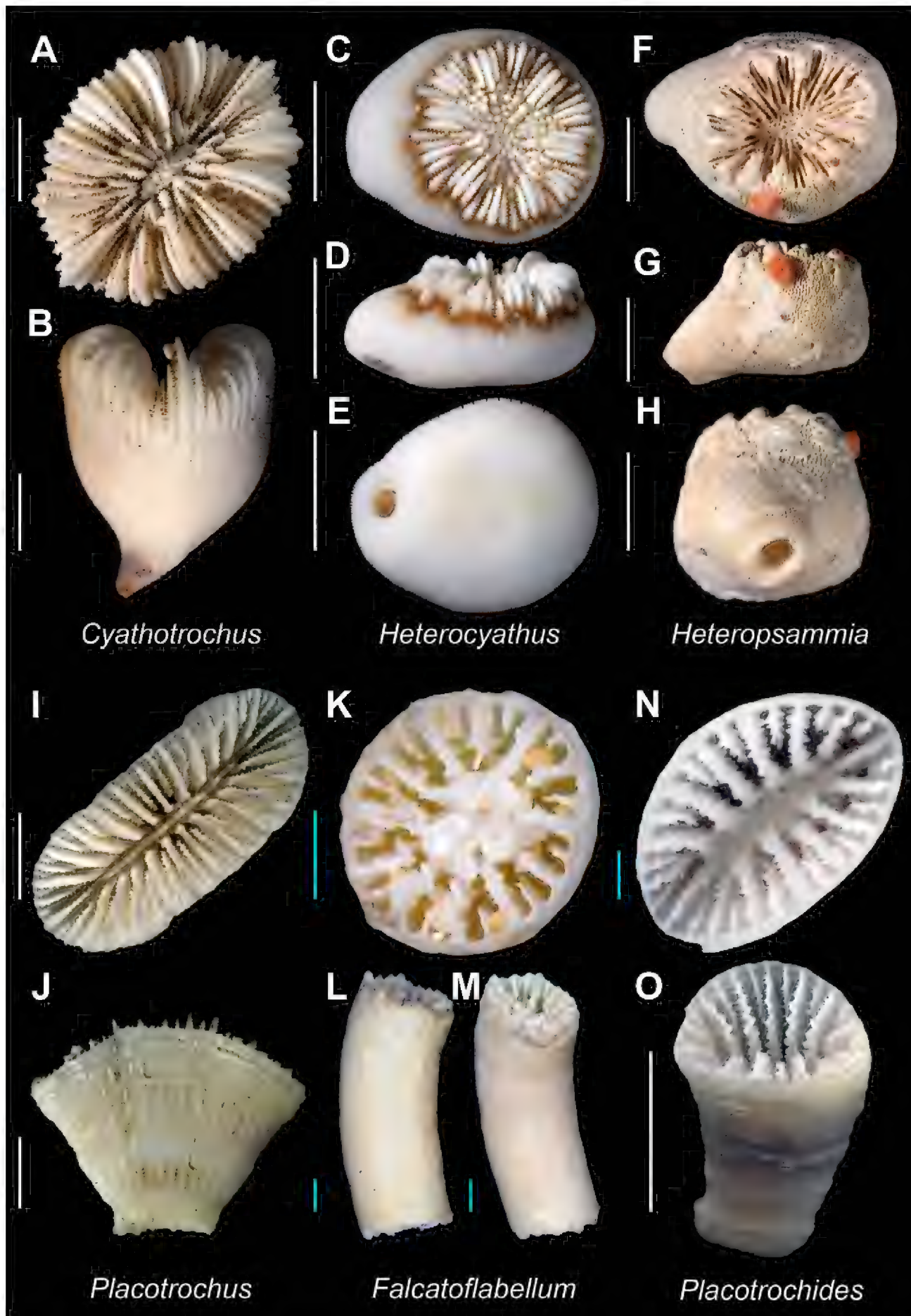
**Plate 18.** *Deltocyathoides orientalis* (MNHN uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. DW829) **A**, **B** and **C** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Leptopenus discus* (SIO Co-1271) **D** (SEM) and **E** (SEM): Oblique views respectively; *Stephanophyllia complicata* (USNM uncatalogued, New Caledonia) **F**, **G**, and **H** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Letepsammia formosissima* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. DW2032) **I**, **J**, and **K** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Rhombopsammia niphada* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. DW2069) **L**, **M**, and **N** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Deltocyathus rotulus* (MNHN-Scl.2008-0004) **O**, **P**, and **Q** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





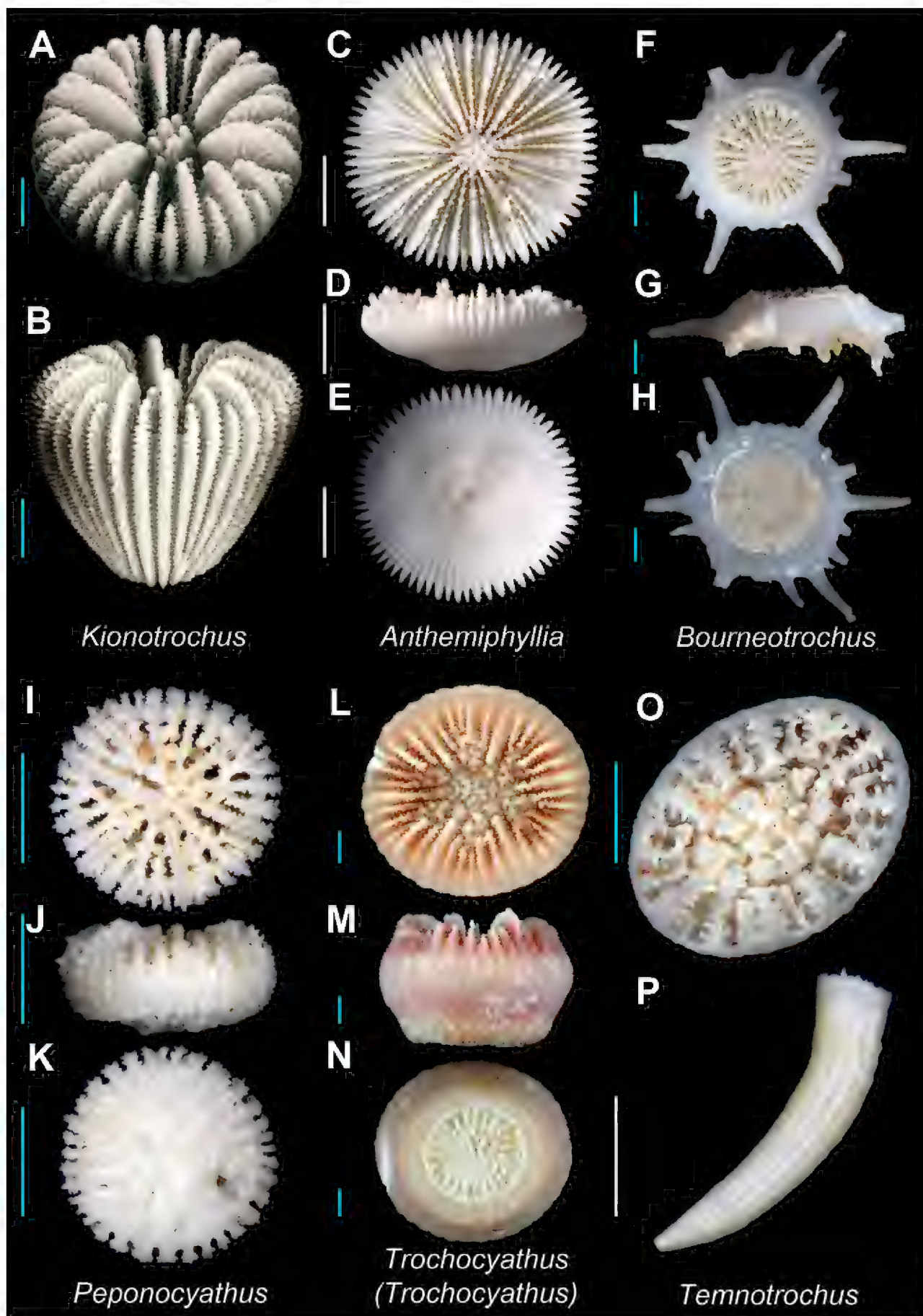
**Plate 19.** *Fungiacyathus* (*Fungiacyathus*) *paliferus* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. DW 887) **A**, **B** and **C** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Fungiacyathus* (*Bathyactis*) *variegatus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Lagoon NO stn. DC933) **D**, **E**, and **F** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Tropidocyathus* *lessoni* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 8 stn. DW1105) **G** and **H** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Alatotrochus* *rubescens* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. DW 908) **I** and **J** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Platytrochus* *hastatus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2559) **K**, **L**, and **M** Calicular and lateral (GCD and LCD) views respectively; *Sphenotrochus* *hancocki* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2617) **N** and **O** Calicular and oblique view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





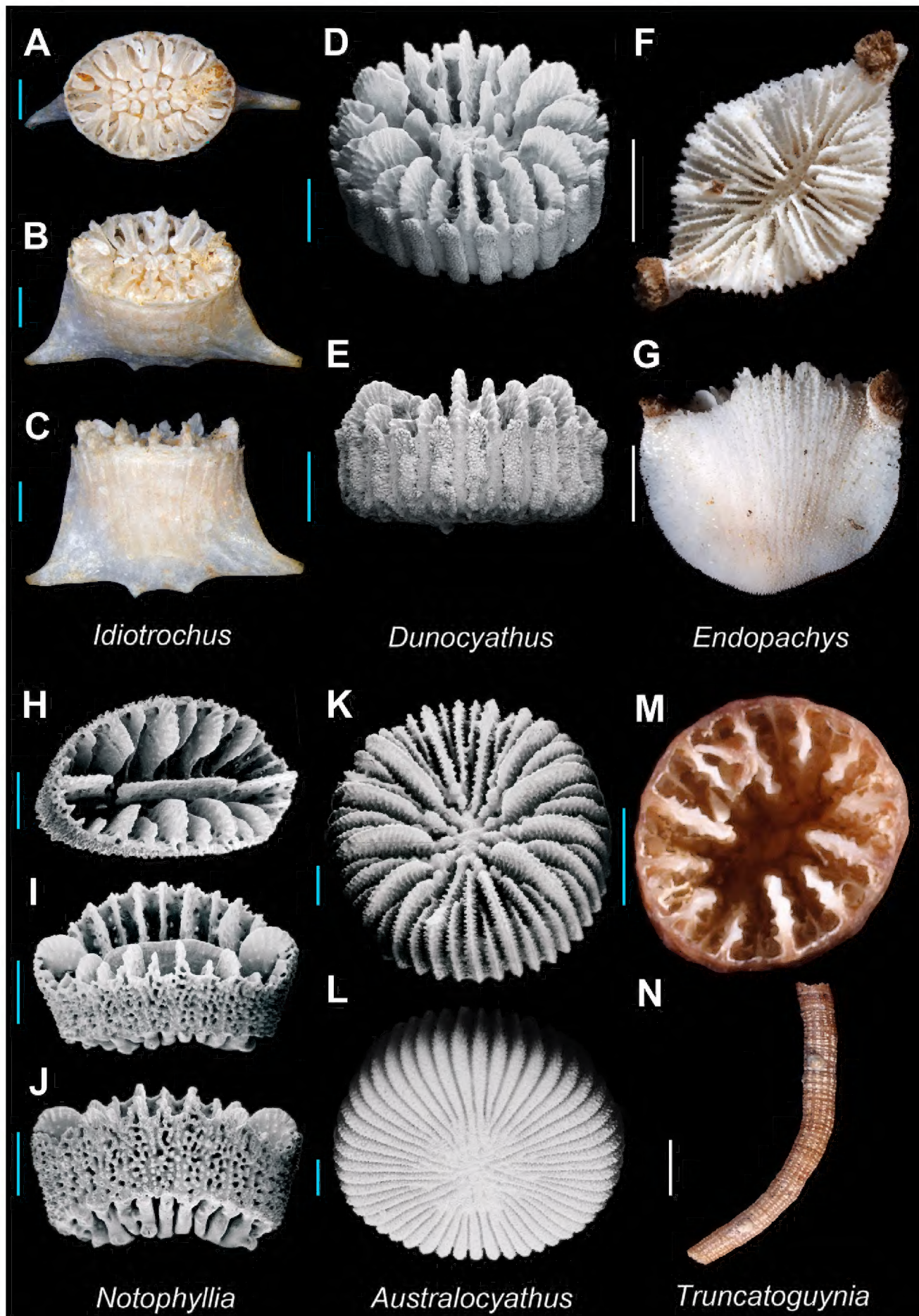
**Plate 20.** *Cyathotrochus pileus* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. CP833) **A** and **B** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Heterocyathus aequicostatus* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. DW933) **C**, **D**, and **E** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Heteropsammia cochlea* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. DW894) **F**, **G**, and **H** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Placotrochus laevis* (USNM 81989) **I** and **J** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Falcatoflabellum raoulensis* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2603) **K**, **L**, and **M** Calicular, lateral, and oblique view respectively; *Placotrochides scaphula* (MNHN uncatalogued, Chalcal stn. DW75) **N** and **O** Calicular and





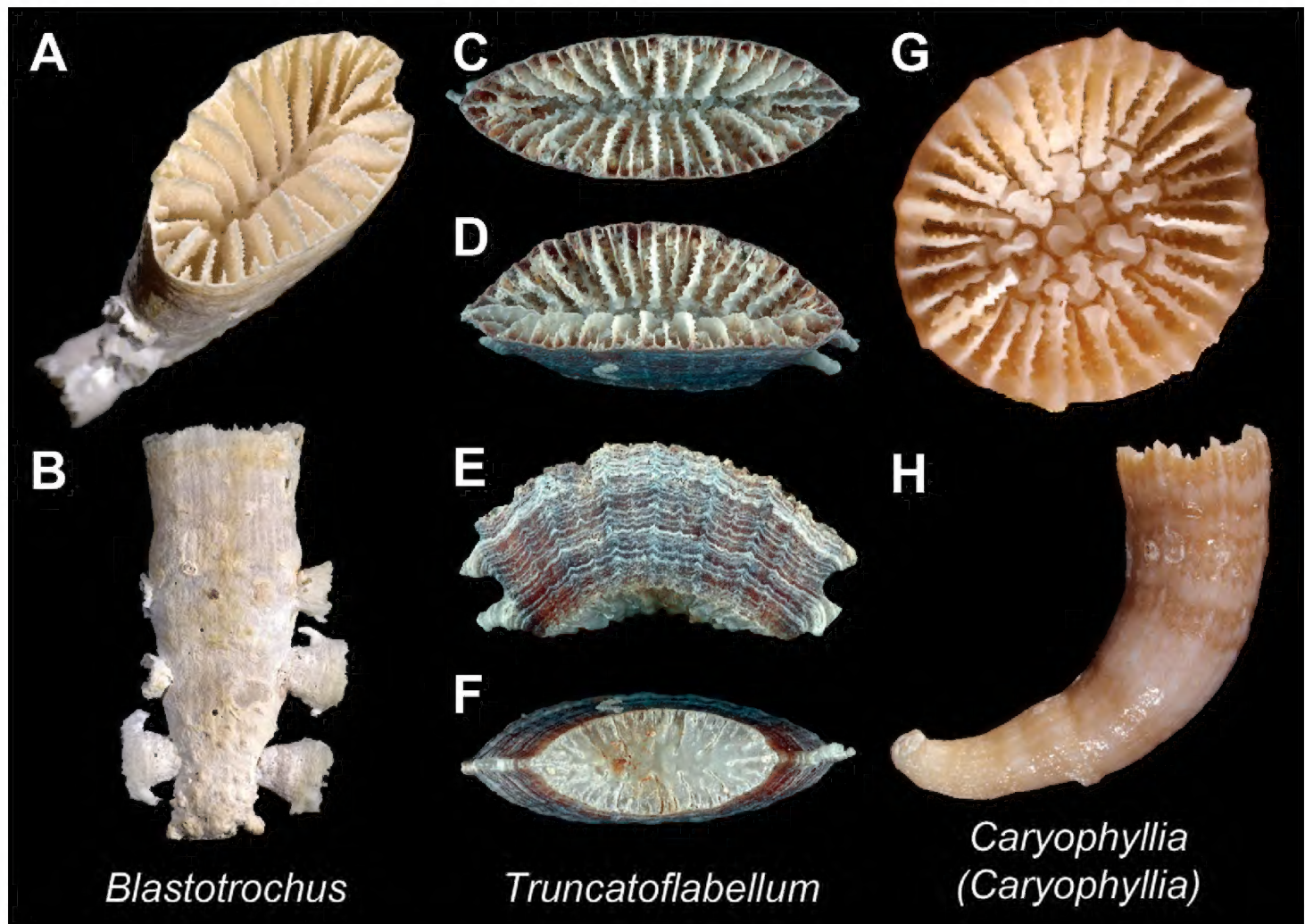
**Plate 21.** *Kionotrochus suteri* (NZOI F915) **A** (SEM) and **B** (SEM): Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Anthemiphyllia dentata* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. DW914) **C**, **D**, and **E** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Bourneotrochus stellulatus* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 3 stn. DW877) **F**, **G**, and **H** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Peponocyathus folliculus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Norfolk 1 stn. DW1697) **I**, **J**, and **K** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Trochocyathus* (*Trochocyathus*) *discus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Biocal stn. DW46) **L**, **M**, and **N** Calicular, lateral, and base view respectively; *Temnotrochus kermadecensis* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 5 stn. DW328) **O** and **P** Calicular and lateral view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





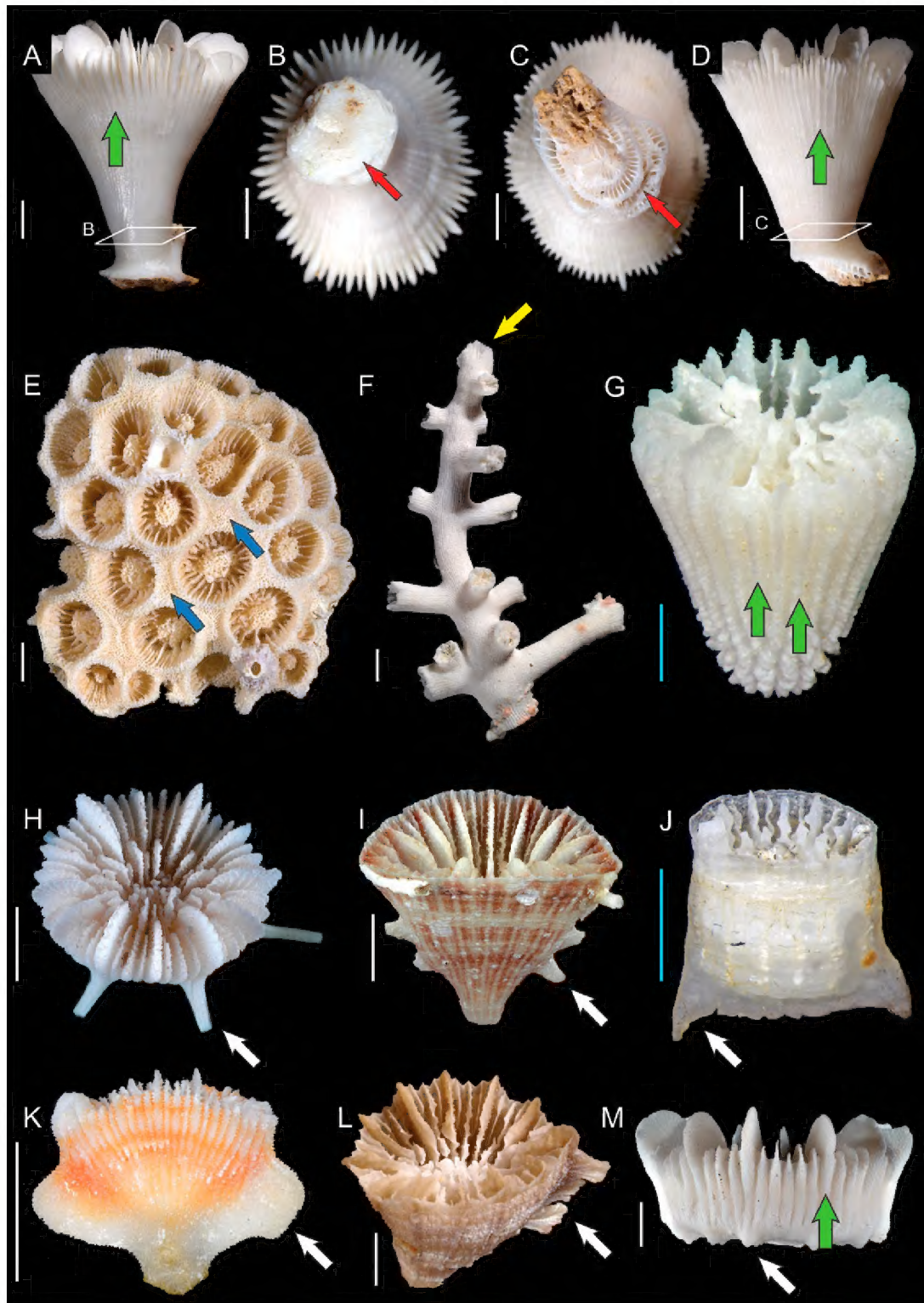
**Plate 22.** *Idiotrochus emarciatus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2632) **A**, **B**, and **C** Calicular, oblique, and lateral view respectively; *Dunocyathus parasiticus* (USNM 85697) **D** (SEM) and **E** (SEM): Oblique and lateral view respectively; *Endopachys grayi* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. DW2158) **G** and **H** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Notophyllia recta* (USNM 85752) **H**, **I**, and **J** Calicular, oblique, and lateral view respectively; *Australocyathus vincentinus* (USNM 85699) **K** and **L** Oblique views respectively; *Truncatoguynia irregularis* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. DW2117) **M** and **N** Calicular and lateral view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





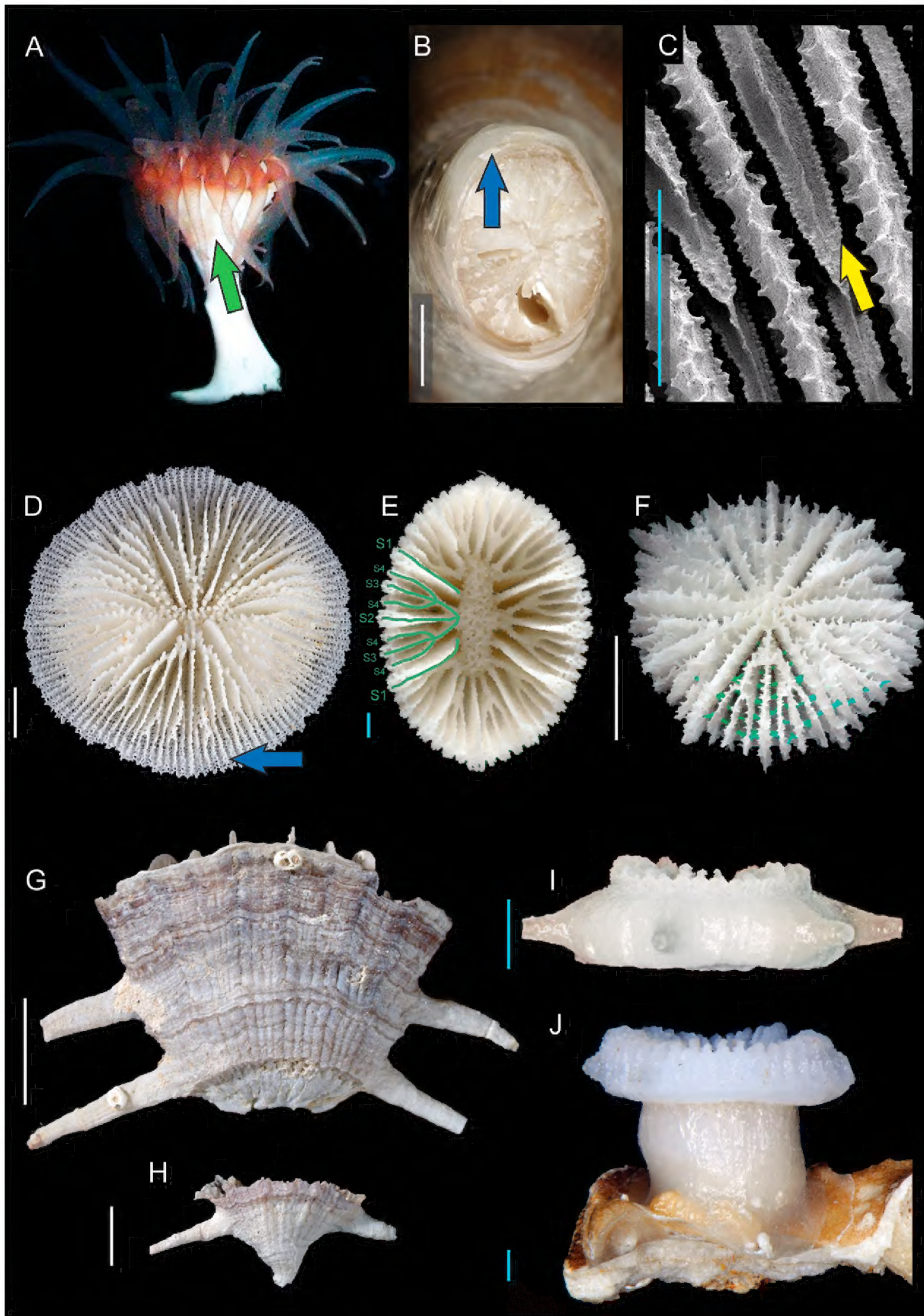
**Plate 23.** *Blastotrochus nutrix* (USNM 97553)– **A** and **B** Calicular and lateral view respectively; *Truncatoflabellum* sp. (MNHN uncatalogued, Concalis stn. DW2934) **C**, **D**, **E**, and **F** Calicular, oblique, lateral, and basal scar view respectively; *Caryophyllia (Caryophyllia) abrupta* (MNHN-Scl.2009-0067) **G** and **H** Calicular and lateral view respectively. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm. Bold face indicates type species for the genus.





**Plate 24.** **A** and **B** *Caryophyllia ralphae* (MNHN-Scl.2009-0077, **A** lateral view and **B** pedicel section): Green and red arrows indicating costae and monocyclic base respectively **C** and **D** *Rhizosmilia robusta* (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. DW2114 **C** pedicel section and **D** lateral view): Red and green arrows indicating polycyclic base and costae respectively **E** *Astroides calycularis* (USNM 78767, colony view): Blue arrows indicating coenosteum **F** *Dendrophyllia ijimai* (USNM uncatalogued, Bathus 4 stn. DW933, lateral colony view): Yellow arrow indicating the axial polyp **G** *Sphenotrochus hancocki* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2617, oblique view): Green arrows indicating costae **H** *Trochocyathus hastatus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2497, oblique view): White arrow indicating costal spines **I** *Truncatoflabellum vigintifarium* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2578, oblique view): White arrow indicating lateral edge spines **J** *Idiotrochus emarciatus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Ebisco stn. DW2632, lateral view): White arrow indicating lateral edge spines (fish tail) **K** *Tropidocyathus lessoni* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 8 stn. DW1105, lateral view): White arrow indicating alate edge crests **L** *Caryophyllia unicristata* (MNHN-Scl.2009-0094, oblique view): White arrow indicating very sinuous lateral crest **M** *Stephanocyathus weberianus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 5 stn. DW313, lateral view): White and green arrows indicating tubercles and costae respectively; Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm.





**Plate 25.** **A** Indeterminate Caryophylliina (lateral view of live specimen, Roatan, Honduras ~200 m deep): Green arrow indicating the edge zone **B** *Javania* sp. (USNM uncatalogued, Norfolk 2 stn. CH 2115, broken pedicel section): Blue arrow indicating tectura layers **C** *Leptoseris gardineri* (JCU uncatalogued, Australia, septal detail [SEM]): Yellow arrow indicating meniane **D** *Letepsammia franki* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 6 stn. CP464, oblique view): Blue arrow indicating marginal shelf **E** *Balanophyllia carinata* (MNHN uncatalogued, Chalcal stn. D22, calicular view): Green diagram indicating a complete septal system arranged in a Pourtalès Plan configuration **F** *Fungiacyathus* sp. (MNHN uncatalogued, Biocal stn. CP17, oblique view): Synapticular plates highlighted in green **G** and **H** *Truncatoflabellum candeanun* (CSIRO uncatalogued, SS102005 stn. 170-086, lateral views) **G** anthocyathus and **H** anthocaulus **I** and **J** *Bourneotrochus stellulatus* (MNHN uncatalogued, Musorstom 4 stn. DW162, lateral views) **I** anthocyathus and **J** a specimen undergoing transverse division. Scale bars: blue = 1 mm; white = 5 mm.